



HS2 THREAT TO REINDEER LIVES

BY JESSICA LABHART

TWO hundred healthy reindeer may have to be put down if HS2 ploughs through a popular Staffordshire attraction, the owner has warned.

The high speed rail line is threatening five fields and the lives of the animals at Blithbury Reindeer Lodge, near Rugeley, the Prime Minister has been told.

Owner of the reindeer farm Stephen Swinnerton has written to Theresa May, along with Transport Secretary Chris Grayling and a raft of other MPs to protest against HS2.

The impact of HS2 will be devastating to the UK largest working reindeer herd and the 30-acre site they live on, he says.

Mr Swinnerton said: "Closure would be the only option, but leave us with a dilemma, it would simply not be possible to re-home over 200 reindeer. The Government, its representatives, the select committee, the Minister for Transport and HS2 would ultimately therefore be responsible for the euthanasia of over 200 healthy reindeer."

The farm hosts a popular Christmas experience for visitors, along with a training facility for staff and vets from all over the world. It was recently used to host a sold-out fashion show featuring X Factor star Chloe Jasmine and the deer featured in the film Get Santa.

He added: "We sincerely hope that we will be able to engage with HS2 and suggest that there is an alternative location available in the area for the purposes they require, namely 11 acres of surrounding arable land which would have no direct impact on our animals or Blithbury Reindeer Lodge as a popular visitor attraction."

Mr Swinnerton, aged 66, set up the farm more than 10 years ago and designed the layout to enable the reindeer to be handled and moved safely with the minimum of stress.

In the letter he says: "The compulsory purchase of several small sections of fields from our property would in effect make five fields unusable. Without these five fields, we would be unable to function as a working farm and support the livestock we currently own. Without the livestock there would be no farm, visitor attraction or Reindeer Academy."

An HS2 spokesperson said: "We recognise that people will be concerned about the impacts of construction, and we continue to engage with people and businesses to look at how we minimise impacts as we progress to the next stage of design. We are planning to meet with representatives from Blithbury Reindeer Lodge to look at the impacts on their business and discuss the possible solutions."

FOOD BANK DELIGHTED AT RESPONSE TO APPEAL



Adam Tilsley, Val Jones, June Bould, Carole Holdcroft, Janis Lomas, Jill Gooch and Kate Young celebrate the amount of food donated

SHELVES are starting to fill up at a Hednesford food bank after the community answered its desperate plea for help.

The Pye Green Christian Centre usually stocks around 10 tonnes of food – but that dwindled to just 4.4 tonnes because of the amount of people coming in for help. It prompted an urgent appeal for donations.

People have responded by bringing in essential groceries and now the food bank, in Pye Green Road, Hednesford, is getting closer

to being back to normal. Manager in training Adam Tilsley has said that more donations have been received in the wake of the appeal featured in The Chronicle last month and thanked all of those who have helped.

He said: "We were struggling a few weeks ago and had our lowest ever amount of stock. This has massively improved, so I would like to thank of our hard-working volunteers, as well as the generous members of the public."

"Obviously due to the nature of what we

do, stock is always going so if we can ask that people keep on supporting us we will continue doing our best to help those in need."

Donations included that of Jay and Hayley Hart of Hednesford who turned up with more than £250 worth of food after reading about the centre's plight in The Chronicle.

Donate at the centre, Monday to Saturday, between 9am and 5pm, or at drop-off points at Tesco in Hednesford and Heath Hayes.

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POTHOLES

£5m road repairs 'already paying off'

A £5 MILLION investment in road repairs is already having an effect, Staffordshire County Council says.

In the past year, more than 31,000 potholes have been repaired in the county as part of the authority's continuing campaign to improve roads.

In an average year, highways crews tackle around 20,000 potholes.

A combination of traditional gangs repairing potholes, plus use of the three new pothole 'zapping' machines has meant more than 2,500 defects are being repaired on average every month.

TRAINS

Have your say on running of stations

PASSENGERS and residents can have their say on improvements they would like to see at their local railway station.

West Midlands Rail is seeking views from communities on facilities and priorities for improvements.

The stations it is seeking views on include Landwood, Cannock, Hednesford, Rugeley Town and Rugeley Trent Valley. West Midlands Trains Ltd is taking over the routes currently operated by London Midland from December.

HOMES

Factory site housing plans go on display

RESIDENTS in Bridgtown were able to view plans for more than 100 homes on a former factory site.

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has purchased the land with the intention of 'accelerating' housebuilding on the plot previously occupied by Parker Hannifin. It has vowed to allocate up to 23 of them as affordable housing.

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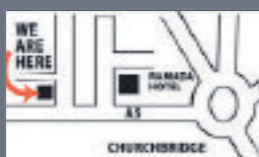
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Councillor hits out at bus route changes



Councillor John Preece

A COUNCILLOR has criticised Arriva's proposals for a new bus route in Norton Canes.

The bus company is to change its No 3 Cannock-Walsall route to serve passengers in the Norton Green Lane and Chapel Street areas of the village.

From Monday, October 23, a No 3C will operate along this route in both directions, Monday to Friday, following requests from villagers, but John Preece, who represents Norton Canes on Cannock Chase Council, says the move is 'paltry'.

He said: "These proposals do abso-

lutely nothing to address residents' legitimate concerns about being cut off from the rest of the district.

"My conversations with them have highlighted the fact that many vulnerable members of the community, particularly the elderly, have no access to vital public services such as the village health centre as a direct result of Arriva's decisions.

"Arriva's proposed new route only offers these residents one chance to get into Cannock first thing in the morning and even then they have a severely limited time before the only services re-

turning to their part of Norton Canes leave at 11am and 12pm.

"To make matters worse, this paltry offer would mean that residents on the established route along Norton East Road and Brownhills Road who use the service leaving Walsall at 8am would find that their bus is no longer there."

Arriva says it works hard to provide sustainable and reliable transport services. Area managing director Rob Cheveaux said: "We endeavour to provide services where there is a demand for them and hope the 3C will prove popular."

Housing plans for old factory site unveiled

PROPOSALS to build a housing estate at a former valve works have resurfaced a year after they were rejected - with the Government backing the latest scheme.

Schroder Property saw its bid for 93 homes at what is known as the Parker Hannifin site in Walkmill Lane, Bridgtown, refused by Cannock Chase Council's planning committee after the firm said it would be too expensive to deliver any affordable housing.

Since then, government authority the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has purchased the land with the intention of 'accelerating' house-building on the plot.

Fears

It has now unveiled its own scheme for 116 homes and vowed to allocate up to 23 of them as affordable housing.

But the latest plans come on the back of waste firm Augean, based nearby, raising fears about the risk of a disastrous fire spreading to homes in the vicinity should the flammable substances at their compound ever ignite.

Steve Buckley from the HCA, said: "Schroder's application was turned down because it had no affordable housing.

"We acquired the site from them, and we are a government agency tasked with accelerating housing delivery.

"This is a brownfield site which has not been developed for many years, and we have been working with the council to bring it forward.

"After a consultation in a few weeks we will look at putting a planning application in.

"It will be for 116 homes includ-



Kelly Alexander and Shaun Roberts, chat to Stuart Buckley from the Homes and Communities Agency

ing 20 apartments, the rest will be houses. We will also provide provide an allocation of somewhere between 10 and 20 per cent affordable homes as well as open space.

"It is a brownfield site so there has been some issues in getting it delivered but we have stepped in to try and deal with those issues."

Regarding Augean's concerns Mr Buckley added: "We are aware of

their concerns and the discussions they have had with the council.

"We have had a consultant team look at that and we don't think we have an issue as we are much further away [from Augean than the homes at Lakeside Boulevard].

"We are confident from our side that we can get this delivered."

A resident in the area, Kelly Alexander, was among those looking



An artist's impression of how the housing development will look



New scheme - the former Parker Hannifin factory site in Walkmill Lane, Bridgtown



Claire Biddle, of estate agents Cushman & Wakefield with Derek Perks and Eric Cook

at the plans on display at the Vine Court residential complex in Earlswood Way, Bridgtown.

She said: "I think it will make the area better rather than being a wasteland.

"It will bring more cars to the area but I have come from Wolverhampton and Birmingham so I am used to city traffic. It is quite quiet here compared to that."

Police issue CCTV plea to find cubicle photos man

A MAN placed his mobile phone under the door of a changing room cubicle at a leisure centre to take pictures of a woman getting changed.

Staffordshire Police have issued an appeal for information in a bid to locate the suspect, and a black and white CCTV image of a man of officers want to question has been released.

The incident happened at Cannock Chase Leisure Centre.

A police spokesman said: "We are looking to identify this man in connection to a sexual offence.

"The offence occurred on Wednesday, July 19 when the man in question entered the family changing rooms at Cannock Chase Leisure Centre and as opportunity arose took pictures of a female getting changed by placing his mobile phone under the cubicle door.

"If you have any information which may lead to the identification of this man, please contact 101 quoting incident number 388 of 19 July."



The suspect

Ideas wanted on future of town

BURNTWOOD Town Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the town.

It incorporates the Vision for Burntwood, as proposed by the Burntwood Action Group.

There will be a public consultation event on Saturday, November 4 at Burntwood Library and at the Old Mining College Centre, in Queen Street, Chasetown from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Burntwood Town Council is seeking residents' views on Burntwood town centre; local health care provision; local leisure facilities; and infrastructure.

Neighbourhood Plan committee chairman Richard Mosson said: "I would encourage you to visit one of the events as this is your chance to have your say regarding the future of Burntwood."

Chase cars warning

POLICE have issued a warning to motorists after a number of cars were broken into on Cannock Chase at the weekend. Staffordshire Police spokesman Robert Evans said: "Please ensure you secure your vehicle and put all valuables out of sight."

Halloween to take on a different look at Hub

AN alternative Halloween party, autumn craft day and a film screening will entertain children at the Create Community Hub in Huntington this half-term.

The first event is a big-screen showing of Finding Dory at 1.30pm on Friday, October 20, when a number of local schools have inset days. Admission is free for children and £1 for adults.

Then on Friday, October 27, there is a free drop-in session between 10am and 2pm with the chance to enjoy autumn-themed crafts.

The Hub is also holding a Light Party – a fun alternative to Halloween with games, crafts, music and refreshments – suitable for primary age and younger children. The fancy dress event – there is a request for no Halloween costumes – takes place at 2.30pm on Saturday, October 28. Admission is £1 per child.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all events.

The Hub is the former Littleton Youth Centre, next to Cannock Rugby Club off Stafford Road.

● Canalside Farm, near Rugeley, has announced that its first ever pick-your-own pumpkin patch will open this Saturday.

Additional 'pick and carve pumpkin workshops' will be held at 1.30pm on October 24 and 26, after the initial sessions sold out.

Activities 'help to cut yob behaviour'

THIS year's Space programme for young people is being hailed a success.

Indications are that the summer of fun coincided with a reduction in youth-related, anti-social behaviour across Staffordshire.

The Space programme was originally an activities scheme led by police in Staffordshire during the 1980s and 1990s to provide fun activities for young people during the school summer holiday.

It was relaunched by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and is aimed at young people up to the age of 17.

Wayne Jones, Chief Superintendent of Local Policing in Staffordshire, said: "It's clear that young people benefit from positive activities."

Talk is on birds

THE Cannock group of the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust will host an illustrated talk on Birds Around Britain by Phill Ward on Wednesday at 7.30pm at St Luke's Church Centre, Cannock. Admission is £2.

Raiders target lottery winning family



Lee Davies – 'we were living the dream'

NATIONAL Lottery winners were attacked by masked raiders brandishing knives and steel bars – days after picking up their £100,000 windfall.

Lee Davies and Carryann Copestick last week celebrated a scratchcard win, receiving their cheque at Molineux, but their good fortune made them a target for robbers, who woke them in their bed and demanded money. Their ordeal happened early on Monday at their home on Wolverhampton's Scotlands Estate.

The gang made off with £11,000 worth of gold and three iphones. Mr

Davies, aged 27, a shipping clerk at Amazon in Rugeley, said the robbery could have left his three children, aged four, nine and eight months, 'traumatised for life' if the men had gone into the wrong bedroom.

He said: "After we won we were living the dream. We had invested in a house and planned for our wedding and went out and spent some money on clothes and jewellery from The Jewellery Quarter.

"Then on Monday we were both asleep in bed and these men dressed in black with balaclavas, knives and

bars came in the room. We were fearing for our lives.

"They took off pretty quickly and we came down and called the police."

A £2,000 reward has been offered on Facebook for the return of the jewellery. Before their scratchcard win, the couple had been trying to save £100 a month for their wedding.

Mr Davies bought the card at a newsagents in Blackhalve Lane when he went to draw his wages from the cash machine.

A West Midlands Police spokesman said: "An investigation is under way."

40mph speed limit on M-way for barrier work

MOTORISTS are set to be hit with a reduced speed limit and diversion on a busy motorway stretch as three months of work is set to start.

Construction company Kier is going to carry out work for Highways England between the M54 M6 junction 10a and M54 junction two, with work to start on Monday and not planned to finish until December 17, with a 40mph limit set to be put in place throughout this period.

Work to install new vehicle restraint barriers in the central reservation of the stretch between Wolverhampton and Staffordshire will take place from 8pm to 6am Monday to Friday, while the speed limit is 'a blanket' cut that covers the site for the duration of the project.

Chris Jones, Kier's construction team leader for the project, wrote in a letter to nearby residents and businesses: "I would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption you may experience during this work.

Closure

"Every effort will be made to manage noise levels and additional lighting carefully to minimise any disruption to local residents and businesses. Traffic management will consist of two phases, with a blanket temporary 40mph speed limit throughout the site for the duration of the works." The work will be carried out in two phases, with the first starting on Monday.

This will see five weeks of night closures, from 8pm to 6am, with a full closure of the westbound carriageway and lane two of the eastbound carriageway closed.

It also includes the closure of the M54 west bound junction one on and off slip roads, the closure of the M54 junction two westbound off slip and the M6 junction 10a northbound link road slip to the M54. Phase two will consist of five more weeks of night work, starting on November 20 and ending on December 17, with the same closures put in place.

A diversion route will see traffic exiting the M54 eastbound at junction two. Traffic will continue north on the A449 until reaching Gailey, where drivers will go onto the A5 eastbound. Vehicles will then continue east on the A5 until reaching the M6 junction 12 island.



Miss Universe runner-up Gemma Lancaster, of Great Wyrley, at her Extreme Legacy Gym on Landywood Enterprise Park

Gemma goes to Extreme with gym

PEOPLE wanting to get into prizewinning shape need look no further for inspiration after the runner-up in a Miss Universe competition opened a gym.

Gemma Lancaster, 33, from Great Wyrley decided to jump head first into her latest venture, the Extreme Legacy Gym, on Landywood Enterprise Park.

The bodybuilder, who took first prize in the MABBA Miss England competition last weekend, says she will take a 'very hands on' approach to help as many people as possible get into shape.

She said: "I have recently moved back to Great Wyrley after living in Essex for a number of years, I wanted to be closer to my friends and family.

"Now, I have this new business and I am ready to be very hands on. It isn't a gym strictly for body builders, we are open for anyone who wants to get in shape."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire service staff in line for awards

FIRE and rescue service staff are to be honoured at an awards ceremony today (Thursday).

The Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service Awards 2017 are being held at Sandford Community fire station and will honour some of the work undertaken by staff within the service.

Chief Fire Officer Becci Bryant said: "It is so important for us to reward and recognise those who make it possible for us to continue to deliver a great service to the community.

"This is also a fantastic opportunity for us to acknowledge the hard work of our partners and members of the public."

More A449 road closures on way

PART of the busy Stafford Road in Gailey will be closed for the next three weekends.

The northbound carriageway running past Gravelly Way will be shut off from 9pm this Friday to 5am the following Monday, and then again between the same times for the two subsequent weekends.

It is to allow work to improve the junction at Gravelly Way and the A449 Stafford Road as part of automotive parts manufacturer Gestamp's relocation from Cannock to the Four Ashes site.

Charity ball in aid of hospice

A SPECIAL ball is to take place in Essington next month in aid of a Wolverhampton charity.

The event, which will raise funds for Compton Hospice, is being held at Essington Working Men's Club in High Hill on Saturday, November 18 from 7pm.

All proceeds from the family-friendly ball will go to the hospice.

People are advised to dress formally in ball or prom gowns with suits or tuxedos for men. Tickets are available by calling 01922 405765 or texting 07986 797092.

MP congratulates village volunteers

GREEN-FINGERED volunteers were congratulated after winning an award.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson met the residents behind Brewood's Best Kept Large Village award.

The village beat 60 others in the event, organised by The Community Council of Staffordshire.

Brewood won the Best Kept Large Village in South Staffordshire and Kinner came in second place.

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COUNTY NEWS

Steak restaurant wins top award

A BIRMINGHAM steak restaurant has been named Restaurant of the Year West Midlands for the third year running at a prestigious awards night. Anderson's Bar & Grill's winning streak has also seen them win 'Best Steak House' in the 2017 Midlands Food, Drink & Hospitality Awards. Chef Director, of the Mary Ann Street venue, Dan Anderson, said: "We're extremely proud to have won this award for three years in a row now. I'd like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic team."

Council pledge on road safety

A TOP councillor has reacted to figures that showed an increase in people dying in crashes on the roads. Last year, 46 people died in crashes in Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Staffordshire last year. In Walsall, nine people died. This was up from one in 2015. Walsall council regeneration chief Councillor Lee Jeavons, said: "We take the safety of our residents very seriously. Any road accidents are of great concern to us. The council works closely with Highways England and West Midlands Police to robustly investigate and understand the cause of accidents."

The Twang tour gets Assist-ance

AN up-and-coming Walsall band will go on tour with indie rockers The Twang later this year. The Assist have been added to five dates with The Twang on their 10-year anniversary tour. It celebrates the release of their debut album, Love It When I Feel Like This. The Assist will join the band at shows in Bournemouth, Manchester, Oxford, Sheffield and Newcastle across late November and early December.

Canal is designated as a nature reserve

A STRETCH of the Wyrley & Essington Canal has been approved for official designation as a nature reserve. Wolverhampton and Walsall councils have given the go-ahead to the scheme covering the four-mile canal corridor from Wolverhampton city centre to the edge of Walsall, and areas of open space alongside. In the process, it will become a designated Local Nature Reserve.

Diddy David to rock'n'roll back the years

FORMER Top Of The Pops presenter and radio star 'Diddy' David Hamilton is touring with a special live music show. The DJ is to perform in Rock'n'Roll Back The Years on October 19 at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock.

The show takes the audience on a swinging journey back to the 1950s and 1960s – the golden decades of classic pop – and features live perfor-

mances of arguably the best music ever made. The songs come courtesy of The Fugitives, one of Britain's top nostalgia groups, along with The Tiffany Girls and vocalist Ash Denver. Together, they perform hits made famous by stars such as Elvis, Cliff and The Shadows, Dusty Springfield, The Beatles, Cilla Black, The Monkees, The Supremes, Roy Orbison, Connie Francis, The Everly Brothers and many more.

The same venue will host The Blues Band the following night, October 20. Starring Paul Jones, Dave Kelly, Tom McGuinness, Rob Townsend and Gary Fletcher, 2017 sees the band celebrating 38 years in the music business. These five virtuosos, already music industry veterans, decided to fly in the face of musical fashion in 1979 and form a band 'just to play the

blues'. Then on Sunday, October 22 T.Rextasy will be performing at the Prince of Wales. This year marks the 25th anniversary of T.Rextasy forming and the band will be touring the 'Marc Bolan 40th Commemorative Anniversary Tour', in the year which would also have seen his 70th birthday. The Foster & Allen Golden Years UK Tour will be there on October 27.

Now A&E consultants' hours are cut by trust

By Jordan Harris

EMERGENCY consultants at County Hospital will be available only until 5pm on weekdays rather than midnight under a shake-up.

The changes are being drafted in with immediate effect and means doctors will be available 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday at the A&E department. It is due to a rise in demand at Royal Stoke University Hospital – 18 miles away – with more staff needed there.



Dr John Oxtoby

The specialist paediatric team is also being moved to Royal Stoke University Hospital where demand has soared. Those attending County Hospital in Weston Road, Stafford, outside of these hours will be seen by middle grade doctors or a senior staff. Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy has said he will be 'watching closely' to ensure the changes do not affect services for patients.

The changes are said to be temporary but no date has been given for a return to normal procedure, with the possibility that they could become permanent not ruled out.

It comes as it was confirmed in April that Children's A&E will not return at County Hospital despite a huge outcry from residents.

The University Hospitals North Midlands Trust (UHNMT), which runs the hospital, will review the success of the new changes on a weekly basis. Dr John Oxtoby, medical director with the UHNMT, said: "Patients attending the two services should not notice any difference in standard of care received when attending the department and should not do anything differently than they normally would."

Motorcyclists ride in to honour the fallen



Thousands of bikers joined the annual Ride to the Wall to honour fallen armed forces members

MORE than 7,000 motorcyclists made their annual pilgrimage to Staffordshire to honour fallen armed forces members.

The Ride to the Wall has become a major event on the National Memorial Arboretum calendar, and this year marked its 10th anniversary.

Ride to the Wall has already raised more than £600,000 for the Arboretum, including a record £121,200 raised at last year's event, which was presented to Sarah Montgomery, managing director of the National Memorial Arboretum at this year's Armed Forces Day celebrations.

The day involves riders leaving 11 designated start

points, before the entire group arrives at the site for a service of remembrance at the Armed Forces Memorial.

The wall from which the event takes its name is at the memorial, which has the names of more than 16,000 service men and women who have died engraved into it.

Other activities on the day included a parachute drop and flypast of an RAF Squirrel as well as music.

Pictures and videos from the day were shared on social media, with people paying tribute to the event itself and the fallen service men and women it remembers.

On Twitter, Carole Bell described the event as very moving adding: "We shall remember them."

Plea to join campaign on use of antibiotics

PATIENTS in Staffordshire are being urged to help in the fight to ensure antibiotics remain an effective way to treat bacterial infections.

Antibiotics are seen as a vital tool for modern medicine, and an effective treatment of infections such as pneumonia, meningitis and tuberculosis.

They also prevent infections during surgical procedures and cancer treatment. But the more antibiotics are used, the less effective they become as bacteria become resistant to them.

And as no new antibiotics have been developed for 30 years, experts say it is important that the existing ones remain effective, or there could be an increased risk of death from bacterial infection.

Despite still being above national average, three Clinical Commissioning Groups in the south of the county have seen a reduction in the prescribing of broad spectrum antibiotics which are associated with the most potential side-effects and long-term antibiotic resistance.

Stafford & Surrounds CCG has recorded an 18 per cent reduction, Cannock Chase CCG 13 per cent and South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Peninsula CCG nine per cent.

Nine out of 10 GPs say they can feel pressured by patients to prescribe antibiotics, and 97 per cent of patients who ask for antibiotics get them.

Dr Paddy Hannigan, a Stafford GP and chair of Stafford and Surrounds CCG said: "It's a common misconception that antibiotics are a cure-all, but the reality is they just won't work for viral infections like cold or flu."

Further information on antibiotics is available at antibioticguardian.com

Family activities at memorial site

FAMILIES can enjoy a range of activities at the National Memorial Arboretum during the half-term.

Youngsters can learn about some of the insects found in the First World War trenches and make their own creepy creatures to take home. Twice daily at the site near Alrewas they can listen to Tales from the Trenches at 11am and 2pm.

The replica trench system remains open for exploration until Remembrance Sunday, November 12. Costumed interpreters will also be on site.

On October 21, Twilight Trek offers families a chance to experience the Arboretum at dusk. A 5km walk departs at 5pm or, for a shorter family walk at 4.30pm. Booking is essential. It costs £7.50 per person or £26 for a family of four.

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County's libraries in week of activities

PEOPLE are being urged to join in the celebrations being held as part of national Libraries Week.

The theme of the campaign, which runs until Saturday, is 'Discover something new at your local library'. Staffordshire County Council's libraries service is joining in the celebrations by hosting a week of their own activities and encouraging people to join.

Hednesford Library volunteers have organised craft and embroidery sessions for tomorrow (Friday).

At Lichfield Library, there will be a vintage fair with tours of the Friary on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. And at Penkridge Library today (Thursday) at 7pm visitors will welcome author A.G. Smith for a night of Terrifying Tales.

Councillor Gill Heath, cabinet member for communities at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Here in Staffordshire our 43 libraries are joining in the celebrations with lots of fun activities for all age's right across the county."

"If you haven't been into a library recently I'm sure you'll be surprised by the amount of different things you can do there. There's never been a better time to be a member of your local library. And, it's free."

For more information visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure/librariesnew/libraries.aspx

£460m turnover delight for Co-op

STRONG financial results for the first half of the year have been unveiled by Central England Co-op.

Across its 400 stores, the Staffordshire-based business saw sales rise 2.6 per cent to £460.2 million.

Trading profit of £11.9m was better than expected but still £1m less than at the same point last year due to improved staff pay and other costs.

The Co-op also distributed £2.6m among its members, workforce and the community.

Based in Lichfield, the Central England Co-op employs 8,000 people across a region which includes branches in Rugeley, Burntwood, and Stafford.

The company said its food retail arm 'enjoyed a positive performance'.

Weekend walk off

THERE will be no local walk by the Chase & District Group Ramblers on Sunday as members will be in Llandudno for the weekend. Spokesman John Adkins said: "Things will be back to normal next week."

Young driver Mitchell impresses judges



Mitchell Harper in the final at the NEC

MITCHELL Harper from Norton Canes has been named one of the country's top drivers after coming sixth in the Young Driver Challenge 2017.

The 13-year-old, who goes to Brownhills School, was one of 40 youngsters who travelled to the NEC to take part in the national final of the competition, where all the competitors were too young to drive on public roads.

The event is organised by Young Driver, a provider of pre-17 driving lessons. Hundreds of youngsters aged

between 10 and 16 from all over Britain entered the competition at one of Young Driver's 50 sites, where they were assessed by highly qualified driving instructors on their skills behind the wheel.

Finalists compete in two age categories - 10-13 and 14-16 - with Mitchell coming sixth in the 10-13 age group.

Mitchell impressed the judges with his skills behind the wheel, including demonstrating an impressive control of the vehicle in manoeuvres such as tight steering, parallel parking and emergency stops. The competition

aims to encourage youngsters to consider responsible and safe driving, with top marks given to those who show the best levels of control and awareness.

The finalists drove instructors round in a dual-control Vauxhall Corsa on mock road systems and test areas created for demonstrating specific manoeuvres. The final also included a written theory test.

Laura White, head of marketing for Young Driver, said: "Huge congratulations to Mitchell. He, and all the competitors, did so well."

Jail terms for 23 members of drugs network gangs

By Rob Gollidge

FROM the moment John Appleton and Michael O'Mahoney left prison, police had them under surveillance.

The associates had served five years of a 10-year sentence after running a huge drugs racket in Cannock and South Staffordshire.

For 18 months their movements were tracked and mobile calls traced, revealing a network of five organised-crime gangs flooding the streets with cocaine and the synthetic amphetamine mephedrone, known as meow meow or M-CAT.

Now 23 members of the gangs - based in Cannock, Stafford, Walsall, Redditch, Derbyshire and Wiltshire - have been sentenced at Stafford Crown Court to a total of 132 years in prison.

Appleton and O'Mahoney were released from prison in 2012 and formed a Cannock-based group with Jason Bayley, Carol Pope, Derek Hodgkiss and Russell Degg, acting as a wholesaler to other drug gangs. Degg provided a safe house for storage in Repton Close, Cannock.

Links

On March, 16 2015, Bayley was due to meet Lewis Chambers in a deal brokered by Jamie Sleigh on behalf of the Cannock and West Midlands groups at the Chase Gate pub, in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, when he was intercepted and arrested.

The Cannock group also formed links with Shane Andrews and the Stafford group. Darren Pearson later acted as a warehouseman for the Cannock group and went on to supply Andrews with cocaine. Appleton and O'Mahoney ran out of runners and dealers so John Appleton asked his son Bret Appleton to collect M-CAT but he was arrested on his return from SwadlincoteT.

Meanwhile, it has emerged that one of the defendants, Jamie Sleigh, had previously been cleared of beating a man, dumping him at the roadside and leaving him to die.

The 37-year-old, of St John's Road, Cannock, was acquitted of killing Stafford man Carl Tindall. Mr Tindall suffered serious head injuries during an alleged assault in Plant Crescent, Stafford, on August 22, 2015.

Four people were cleared by a jury over his death. Sleigh was found not guilty of manslaughter.

List shows the extent of racket

The full list of those sentenced for conspiracy to supply class-A and class-B drugs across the Midlands and the South West:

John Appleton, aged 46, of Locketts Court, Cannock, sentenced to 14 years; Michael O' Mahoney, 43, of Avenue Road, Cannock, 14 years; Gary Peapell, 38, of Swindon, eight years eight months.

Adam Farmer, 35, of Kineton Close, Redditch, eight years six months; Shane Andrews, 35, of John Donne Street, Stafford, eight years; Gareth Pincombe, 38, of Repton Road, Swadlincote, eight years two months.

Jason Bayley, 45, of Leamington Close, Cannock, eight years; Carol Pope, 44, of Glover Street, Cannock, seven years two months; Darren Pearson, 46, of Moss Street, Cannock, seven years two months; Jamie Wilson, 38, of Sidney Avenue, Stafford, six years nine months.

Keith Peapell, 62, Swindon, six years; Russell Degg, 40, of Repton Close, Cannock, six years; Scott Kenny, 32, of Mosedale, Rugby, five years four months; Lewis Chambers, 26, of Hillary Street, Walsall, four years; Lucy Butler, 35, of Sanderling Close, Featherstone, four years; Richard Menzies, 33, of Meadow View Road, Swadlincote, three years seven months; Jamie Sleigh, 37, of St John's Road, Cannock, three years seven months; David Perkins, 31, of Hindlip Close, Redditch, three years four months; Bret Appleton, 25, of Locketts Court, Cannock, 20 months; Derek Hodgkiss, 56, of St John's Road, Cannock, 17-month suspended sentence; Lee Higgins, 32, of Fownhope Close, Redditch, 11-month suspended sentence.



John Appleton



Michael O'Mahoney



Jason Bayley



Carol Pope



Shane Andrews



Lucy Butler

On December, 13, 2016, Matthew Parsons, 34, of Lower Birches Way, Rugeley, was sentenced to three years six months for class A and class B supply.

On April 7, 2017 Kyle Wilson,

19, of Merrivale Road, Stafford, pleaded guilty to being concerned in the supply of class B drugs and was sentenced to 14 months' detention in a youth offenders' institution.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dozens in protest over louts at park

DOZENS of residents took the opportunity to question decision makers about anti-social behaviour in Ravenhill Park, Brereton.

Eighty five people attended a meeting organised by resident Sue Merriam following a 'community trigger' instigated by Darren Foley, who represents Brereton & Ravenhill on Cannock Chase Council.

Among those attending the meeting were Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis and Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling. "It ended very positively, with several residents and organisations committing to work together," Councillor Foley said.

"A second meeting is now being planned before the end of the year."

Hundreds enjoy real ale festival

THE fourth Cannock Chase Camera Real Ale and Cider Festival at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock was a resounding success, with around 1,400 people attending over the three days.

Of the 63 casks of ale, there were just over two casks left when the festival closed its doors and of 28 boxes of cider, there were just two unopened.

There were 42 new Camera members signed up during the festival - including the MP for Cannock Chase, Amanda Milling.

The next Cannock Chase Camera Real Ale and Cider Festival will take place at the same venue from September 20 to 22, 2018.

Fundraising in mind at market

A POP-up charity stall on Cannock Indoor Market will raise money for mental health cause Mind this weekend.

It is operating tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday in conjunction with Cannock Chase Council's own support of this week's Mental Health Day.

Items for the pop-up stall, located opposite the market cafe and next to the mobile phone stand, have come from fellow traders, public donations and even Parkdean Resorts Brynawen Holiday Park, Borth.

Willow weaving subject of Friends group talk

THE Friends of Etching Hill welcome a speaker on Willow Weaving to its meeting next week. It takes place on Thursday, October 19, at 7.30pm at Etching Hill Church Hall.

Admission is free and refreshments are served. "Everyone is welcome - bring a friend," said spokesman

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



So many channels but little to watch

HERE has been a bit of a kerfuffle over Lavinia Woodward, the "too posh for prison" student who walked free from court after stabbing her boyfriend with a bread knife.

Judge Ian Pringle came to his decision after hearing Miss Woodward had a personality disorder, an eating disorder and a previous dependency on drugs and alcohol. Oh, and prison would damage her hopes of a high-flying career as a surgeon.

Is it just me, or is it that last sentence not just a little disturbing? I know there's a shortage of doctors and nurses, but to we really want somebody with so many issues wielding the scalpel? All I can say is I hope she uses plenty of anaesthetic.

WRITING in the esteemed British Medical Journal, Professor Alyson Pollock calls for a ban on tackling and scrumming in school rugby games, saying it puts youngsters at risk of head injuries.

I suppose if I was being cynical, I might be tempted to ask what position Prof Pollock played while she was at school.

I sort of agree with her. From my memories of playing rugby at school, the game would be infinitely more enjoyable without all that shoulder-to-shoulder jostling, and pulling your opponents down with your hands.

But I don't think Prof Pollock goes far enough. To make rugby the sort of game I would have enjoyed, they need to ban handling the ball, and all that nonsense where they touch the ball on a line and then pick it up again. In fact, get rid of all those complicated rules that a 14-year-old has no chance of understanding. A round ball would make sense, too.

A CROWD of supporters chant Jeremy Corbyn's name, and he is hailed as the next prime minister. Theresa May has a cough, and it's time to resign. I guess that's the age of television for you.

TALKING of television, isn't it amazing that, at a time when we have more channels than ever before, that there really is so little worth watching?

There are only two programmes I would take the time to bother with these days: The Apprentice, and Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away, which the broadcasters are now screening at the same time.

In the past, this would not have been a problem, because I would have recorded one on the old VHS player, but this has proved near-impossible since the digital switchover. They call this progress.

Well at least you get what you want for anniversary gift



Mayor Sadiq Khan plans to create zones where all solid fuels are banned



Feisty Scottish Tory leader Ruth Davidson wants to take the fight to Jeremy Corbyn



Jeremy Corbyn – still plenty of scope for backbench problems to confront him

More saying I Do to self-marriages

THE latest development in matrimony is self-marriage. Described as "a symbolic and feminist act," it brings all the benefits of a traditional wedding (pretty frock, bridesmaids, big party, etc) without the complication of a partner. The bride simply pledges to love, cherish and respect herself. You may mock but self-marriages seem to last. The Times reports that one self-married lady in Vancouver got engaged to someone else but realised it was a mistake, broke it off and remains happily married to herself. Well, good luck to them all, even if their wedding anniversaries must be a tad predictable. "You bought me a what? It's just what I wanted. How did you know?"

BEFORE the blood had even dried, some survivors of this week's Las Vegas massacre were singing the praises of the US Constitution which declares: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." And if the aim of guns-for-all is to create a militia, then simple logic says the people must be permitted not only shotguns and sporting rifles but military-grade weapons like the ones unleashed by Stephen Paddock.

THERE is really no point in us Brits engaging the US gun lobby in America's guns debate. We think they are bonkers. They think we are wimps. After every massacre, the response of thousands of Americans is always the same. Buy more guns. About 30,000 Americans are killed by guns every year and yet still in millions of US hearts beats the notion that guns make

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you safer. Over the past 40 years the number of guns owned by US citizens has doubled to more than 300 million. It is believed there are now more guns in the United States than people.

NOTHING in life is simple. London's mayor Sadiq Khan plans to create zones where all solid fuels, including wood used in trendy log-burners, are banned. And who can argue with that? In a huge city like London, there are clean alternatives such as gas and electricity. But the capital is also famous for its pizza parlours. And how can you bake the perfect pizza without the traditional wood-fired oven? So what began as a common sense scheme to clean up the Great Wen has turned into an awkward little spat, with an ethnic dimension between Khan and the Piza, Pasta and Italian Food Association. From a Guardian debate on wood burning I liked this reassuring contribution: "The pizza absorbs all the poisons, then you eat it. So yeah, it's fine."

IF the Conservatives are looking for new inspiration, or for a new leader, they must surely look North. Ruth Davidson, the feisty Scottish Tory leader, is a bundle of energy with a sharp sense of humour. She wants to take the fight to Jeremy Corbyn and I cannot name anyone more

calculated to put the fear of God into the Corbynites. How would Labour claim to speak for diversity and inclusivity when their leader was male, pale and stale but the new Tory leader was a young Scottish lass in a same-sex relationship? Davidson ticks boxes, scares the socialists and is 30 years younger than Mr Corbyn.

CORBYN has proclaimed Labour is now the mainstream political party. But he should beware. There are plenty of orthodox non-left wing Labour MPs and activists who deplore the threats of the Momentum faction to get rid of those Members who do not toe the party line. So there remains plenty of scope for backbench problems to confront Corbyn.

LET me say at the outset that there is nothing remotely funny about ramblers being chased and bitten by free-ranging pigs in the New Forest a few days ago. The pigs were said to be "out for trouble, like a gang of teenagers." But the quote that made me smile came from the bitten walker who explained the background: "I had been warned there had been some friction between the pigs and the ponies." Anyone else thinking of Animal Farm?

PLAIN English department. Uniper, the company demolishing an old power station in Shropshire, says it will keep the local council and residents fully informed. One councillor responded: "It is extremely encouraging to hear of Uniper's commitment to undertake proactive stakeholder communications." Seriously, does anyone actually talk like this, going forward?

TALKING POINT



Snacks at school? Let's just roll with it

CAN you imagine the outrage when Greggs put up the prices of its sausage rolls last week?

It could add food to the fuel of bosses at Shirley Manor Primary in Bradford, however, which has banned the savoury snacks, along with pork pies and pepperoni sticks from school lunchboxes.

It has even gone so far as asking children to reveal the contents of their packed lunch before being allowed to tuck in. One has visions of an I'm A Celebrity... contestant showing the insides of their mouths to prove they've eaten the live cockroach for a bushtucker trial.

The school says it is to encourage healthy eating and a more physical lifestyle. But if any prohibited items are discovered the packed lunch can be taken away. How can that be good for them?

The move has been branded ridiculous by parents, who say the school should stick to teaching the children. They add the decision-makers do not take into account fussy eaters and claim they, more than any school, should know what their child likes and doesn't like.

Rightly so, in my opinion. Surely a healthy appetite just doesn't mean eating food that is supposedly good for you.

The problem I suspect, is more a health and safety issue. You see, when I was at school, dining ate into just 10 minutes of our lunch period. The rest of the time, like at other breaks, we were running around the playground, letting off steam, burning off calories, something that all youngsters should be allowed to do.

But with today's health and safety rules, it seems that the powers-that-be are scared to let children play and run around – despite being warned against obesity and a sedentary lifestyle – in case they fall over or bump into someone else and hurt themselves.

Accidents can occur at any time and in all walks of life. Surely encouraging children to be just that, while advocating the benefits of sport, would be more beneficial than telling them that they can't tuck into the buffet at Christmas.

Calls have even been made for youngsters to be banned from tackling in rugby for fear of injuries. How ridiculous! It's a key part of the game and is as much a skill as being able to sidestep a player. Surely a ban would surely reduce the game as a spectacle.

Anyone taking part in any activity would know the risks involved. So, can we just let our children grow up, educate them, teach them right from wrong and encourage them to get out and enjoy themselves more?

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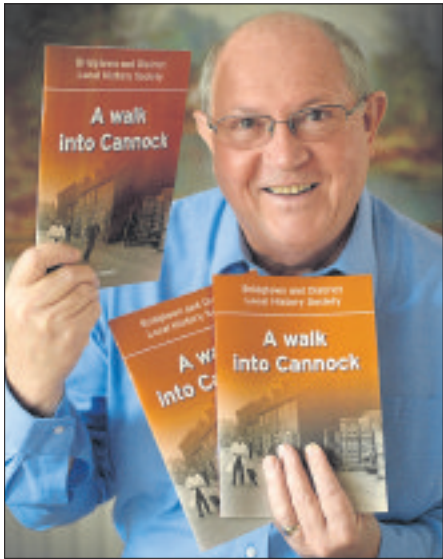
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Book takes a walk into town's past



John Devey with copies of the book produced by Bridgtown and District Local History Society

THE 2017 book produced by Bridgtown and District Local History Society will be available on Sunday at their Annual Event at Bridgtown Social Club. 'A walk into Cannock' will then be in local shops and garden centres from Monday.

This the group's eighth book and for the first time takes the reader out of the village and guides them on a route that will evoke memories of earlier times.

A walk into Cannock was a journey taken by many of the residents of Bridgtown. Although the local traders of the village provided for most of the needs, there was always something that called for a trip into Cannock.

The author John Devey, a retired accountant now living in Great Wyrley, is a joint chairman of the society. He has previously produced a book about Churchbridge, and co-written two books featuring Bridgtown.

Sunday's event, which runs from 10.30am to 3.30pm, will also feature a display of old photographs.

Nunes case will remain active says top officer

POLICE will continue to investigate the murder of Kevin Nunes and look for 'new lines of inquiry', Staffordshire's top officer has said.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan apologised for the historic failings by former senior and junior officers which saw five men acquitted of the gangland killing on appeal. He said: "The investigation into Kevin's murder remains open."

"As with all our unsolved crimes in Staffordshire these are subject to regular reviews to identify new potential lines of inquiry."

The force watchdog released a highly critical report into the conduct of officers and highlight widespread failings.

No-one was held accountable for the scandal. And no corruption or criminal wrongdoing was proved.

Mr Morgan, who joined the force in the summer, said: "It is clear that following a lengthy process, both the Crown Prosecution Service and IPCC found no evidence of corruption or criminality in the actions of Staffordshire Police."

"However, significant police failures were high-

By Rob Golledge

lighted, for which, on behalf of the force, I apologise.

"I am particularly sorry that the family of Kevin Nunes have not received justice for his death, and for the length of time it has taken these matters to reach a conclusion. I know they have been let down. In 2005 there were failings in the management of protected witnesses and in the disclosure of relevant material to the Crown Prosecution Service and the courts."

"Since the initial investigation things have changed. Numerous processes have been put into place."

The force paid £200,000 damages to two of five men initially jailed over the 2002 murder in Patterningham.



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The Chronicle Thursday, October 12, 2017

I REFER to the letter from PJS ("Why the reality is different", October 5).

She/he should wake up to reality and recognise that unlike the Tories' disastrous election manifesto, Corbyn's was costed and popular.

As a result of their own incompetent election campaign, the Tories lost their majority and found themselves on the back foot, and now appear to be moving away from their commitment to the free market economy.

They are bankrupt on ideas and are tinkering around the edges of Labour Party policy on student loans and energy companies.

I believe the Labour Party are now an alternative healthy opposition.

PAUL WITTON
Cannock

No need for market to be relocated

I REFER to reports that the relocation of Walsall Market to The Bridge is back on the agenda. Why?

What is wrong with the original site in Digbeth, where there is adequate space with little disruption and where it was situated for hundreds of years?

Have any of the people who make these decisions walked across The Bridge recently?

Not only is it an obstacle course, but

one may also think they are in a Third World country.

It's filthy and a disgrace to the town (by the way, what's going to happen to Sister Dora; shunted down some side street?)

I'd have thought the centre of a town should be a place of civic pride, not a rubbish dump, which is surely what it will end up as.

But this is nothing new to Walsall.

Over the years, the powers-that-be

have destroyed the town and got rid of any character it had. Buildings of any note have gone and have been replaced by glorified sheds.

I could go on, but the letter would be too long.

I suppose it could be argued that it's progress – some progress! – and I and like-minded contemporaries accused of living in the past.

P FAULKNER
Bloxwich

NHS can't afford to lose them

I VISITED my NHS dentist in Stafford last week.

The dentist was Romanian. On the previous visit the dentist was Greek. The hygienist this time was Spanish.

When I went to a private dentist in Stafford last year for an implant, the dental specialist was Italian.

It is all very well saying that we don't want European immigrants but what are we going to do when we have driven all these people away?

The same goes for the doctors and the nurses and the care workers.

As I get older, I want these people to be here, if only for selfish reasons. We really are going to have a big problem without them.

GERALD D'ARCY
Stafford

Not all private landlords avoid capping their rents

IN reply to Councillor Witton's letter can I remind him of the history of both the Labour and Conservative tenures ("There is a basic need of affordable housing, October 5).

In 1979 the Conservative government introduced the right to purchase council homes at a discount of 33 per cent after three years and 50 per cent for a tenancy of 20 years.

It was then adopted by the Blair and Brown governments under a different discount. Nevertheless it was a popular policy taken up by all political persuasions. In 13 years of a Labour government they built 7,870 council homes. Neither government replaced the housing stocks.

Not all private landlords behave like the councillor insinuates. I like many I know cap their rents and provide a decent home for our social tenants.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

Poor service does not deserve high salaries

WE hear that the council is concerned (and rightly so) about litter but perhaps they ought to look at themselves.

Prior to July 2, several temporary road signs were set up advising that the road would be closed on that day for repair work.

That work was done repairing many potholes. Now the potholes have reappeared whilst the road sign still sits (littering) the roadside. Why do we pay such high salaries to those in charge of our public services when such a poor service is supplied?

JOHN HARTLEY
Stafford

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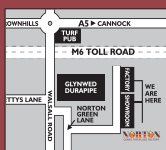
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From a young age, Janet played tennis, firstly with her father at his work's sports ground, continuing throughout her education and later at Streetly Sports Club.

Following an application in 1982 to be a tennis official she attended a basic training course at Bisham Abbey, the National Sports Centre. A thorough knowledge of the rules of tennis and their interpretation was essential.

Experience was gained at tournaments at Solihull and Edgbaston where she sat as a net cord judge with her 'finger on the net' in a game between Billie Jean King and Yvonne Goolagong. In 1984 Janet successfully applied to Wimbledon and umpired there for 19 years.

She regaled several amusing stories including when her pleated skirt saved the day when she received a direct hit from Goran Ivanisevic. In 1992 Janet umpired her first finals match, between Monica Seles and Steffi Graf.

Janet missed Wimbledon in 1999 for health reasons but returned in 2000 as court manager responsible for all the courts.

The WI meeting continued with a harvest auction. A total of £87.60 was raised from the sale of home grown vegetables, rhubarb, tomatoes, prickly cucumbers, apples, plants, and home made quiche, cakes and puddings.

Pair rewarded for long service to club



From left, Michaela Mellor, Rotary Club of Cannock president Cliff Shore, Amanda Milling MP and Phil Kimpton

TWO Rotary Club of Cannock members have been rewarded for their long service with the club.

Michael Mellor, who became a member of the Cannock club in 1982, was awarded a certificate in recognition of his 35 years of service, and Phil Kimpton, who joined in 1987, received a certificate for his 30 years of service. Both are past presidents.

Current president Cliff Shore presented the awards at the club's September business meeting. He said: "Michael and Phil deserved these awards not just for long service but for their outstanding contribution of Service above Self to the community of Cannock Chase."

Honorary club member, Chase MP

Rotary Club of Cannock

Amanda Milling, attended the meeting. She thanked club members for their hard work in raising funds which have been used to support worthwhile good causes in the community of Cannock and around the world.

The Rotary Club of Cannock has recently donated funds to support a school in South Africa and an environmental project in Tanzania as well as supporting a project to help the homeless and needy in the Cannock area.

For more information about the club visit www.cannockrotary.co.uk or email secretary@cannockrotary.co.uk

Speaker rises to the occasion

THE August meeting welcomed Glenys Gayton of Gaytons Bakery of Grendon, Atherstone. The family business originated in 1919.

It now employs about 15 people and hopes to employ more after planned building work to extend. Mrs Gayton gave the audience an inter-

The Ridwares WI

esting insight into the bread making experience. Trading Standards Officers can take a sample of anything and will weigh the bread, whilst health and safety may call at any time. Wendy Lamb

won the competition, for six fruit scones, judged by Mrs Gayton.

WI president Karen Wakefield was asked to represent Staffordshire in the National Huxley Cup for Flower Arranging and won the cup out of 16 entries from all over the country.

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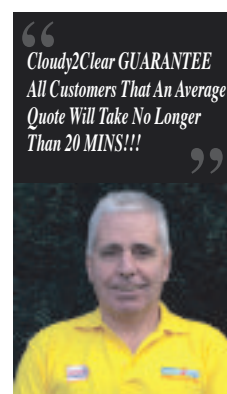
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Council praised for its work in helping Service children settle

STAFFORDSHIRE County Council's work to help children of Armed Service families settle into education in Staffordshire has been praised by the Royal British Legion (RBL).

It has commended the county council on its work to create school places for British service children who moved into the county from Germany in 2015 as part of the Ministry of Defence's Borona programme.

More than 1,000 military personnel and their families moved to Beacon Barracks in Stafford, which meant the county council had to ensure there were enough school places in the area to meet increased demand.

To help the families settle in Stafford, education officers and local headteachers went to Germany to talk to families about the plans for their move.

They also produced a special admissions guide for the families, giving them advice on the school admissions process.

As well as expanding existing schools ahead of the move, the county council started building the £5 million Veritas Academy which initially began with 145 pupils and will be able to accommodate 420 pupils plus 52 nursery children when at full capacity.

The RBL also praised Veritas's work to settle those pupils who came from Germany, and how they have forged close links with the nearby Beacon Barracks. Although not specifically a military school, many children who attend Veritas come from military families.

Charles Byrne, director general of the RBL, said: "Staffordshire County Council have taken clear steps to improve the experience of Service pupils in the County. By sharing examples of best practice such as those in Staffordshire, we can help schools across England deliver the best support and guidance they possibly can for our service families."

Cake is reward for fundraisers



Alison Evans, left, and Helen Anson get a move on during the Chase the Cake event

MORE than 200 cyclists and walkers gathered at Cannock Chase to raise money for Tabor House, a newly opened homeless shelter in Birmingham.

The event, Chase the Cake, was organised by Swinnerton Cycles to support the homeless shelter, ahead of its official launch on World Homeless Day.

Although the final figure is yet to be tallied, early indicators show the event raised over £5,000 for Tabor House. Men, women and children of all ages

challenged themselves to complete one of five possible routes, targeted at all levels of fitness and ability.

At the finish, participants were rewarded with homemade cake baked and donated by Swinnerton.

Tabor House is a partnership project between the Birmingham Rough Sleepers Team, Midland Heart, Father Hudson's Care, Housing Justice, the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, corporate philanthropists, and Irish in Birmingham.

Flood work progress

WORK to reduce the risk of flooding in Staffordshire communities is making a difference, according to a new report.

The county council is working with a number of organisations including the Environment Agency, district councils and Severn Trent Water.

As part of this a number of local flood alleviation schemes have already been delivered.

More schemes are being supported by a further £2.7 million of external funding up to 2021. The county council is also supporting the Environment

Agency to deliver large and complex flood protection schemes in Rugeley and Burton. In addition, a number of flood action groups have been set up. These are benefiting from a community grant system.

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet support member for flood risk management Helen Fisher said: "We have made great progress in recent years and we will now look to build on this to give communities greater peace of mind in coming years."

The flood risk management progress report was prepared for this week's meeting of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee.



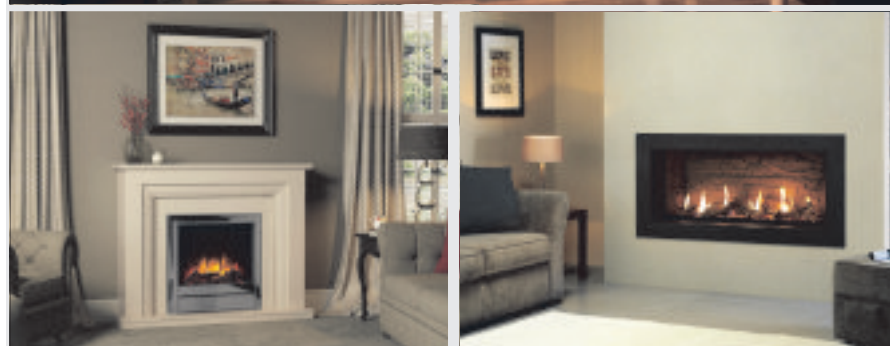
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Comedian Stokes joins big names at fundraiser

STAFFORDSHIRE-BORN comedian Chris Stokes is joining a star-studded line-up at a fundraiser in aid of a crusading US comic.

Chris, from Great Wyrley, will share the bill with such names as singers Billy Bragg and Charlotte Church and comedians Josie Long, Mark Thomas, Robin Ince and James Acaster.

The event is in aid of Barry Crimmins, a campaigning comedian who has spent his life fighting for others and now needs help raising money for his wife's cancer treatment.

Helen Crimmins has ovarian and cervical cancer, and although she has health insurance, it does not cover all her costs under the American health-care system. She set up a crowdfunding campaign to raise \$25,000.

Awestruck

Chris explained: "Barry Crimmins is quite possibly one of the most unsung heroes of comedy. And not just comedy, but of the world."

"I first became awestruck by his stand-up when I discovered what the whole art form was as a teenager in the 90s and then subsequently became awestruck by him as I learned more about his tireless work offstage."

"When I started to really discover stand-up comedy and its wonders, almost everyone deified Bill Hicks but, say it quietly, I always preferred Barry Crimmins. That was even before I learned about his courageous activism."

"Unfortunately, he is now in a really bad situation. That he cannot personally care for his seriously ill partner Helen because he is having to take to the road so that he can afford to pay



Great Wyrley comic Chris Stokes



Charlotte Church is on the bill



James Acaster also features



Singer Billy Bragg

for her care is a cruel paradox borne out of a system which does not see the importance of free health care.

"So the brilliant and outstandingly generous Robin Ince has put together a hell of a bill for a fundraising gig to help Barry and Helen."

Robin said: "We decided we should put on a benefit to try to make sure

that Barry doesn't have to keep leaving Helen to go on the road to pay for her treatment when they should be together during this time."

The show, which will also help children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent, takes place on Monday October 23 at New Wimbledon Theatre in south London.

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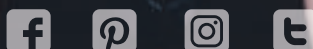
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Francesco Group Cannock celebrate the Big Hair Do



Staff at Francesco Group Cannock enjoy the fun and relaxed atmosphere of the Big Hair Do

Francesco Group Cannock were one of only 100 salons in the country to take part in Creative Head's Big Hair Do (in association with Layered) on September 27.

The Big Hair Do saw salons from Aberdeen to Axminster spruce up their salons and throw open their doors for a unique 'experience' evening, designed to show the Great British public just how amazing UK salons and the unique staff who run them are.

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All the Big Hair Do action was

captured and publicised via the #bighairdo hashtag on social media, with dozens of pictures, Boomerangs, video clips and Stories being posted every minute.

As a result, the night trended on Twitter for a third year running, and even caught the eye of comedian Omid Djalili, proving the #bighairdo to be a big success!

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Consultation ends on dial-a-ride review

A CONSULTATION into a review of Staffordshire's dial-a-ride service has come to an end.

The county council launched the consultation over its subsidised bus journeys in July. The review, which

will be decided on next year, is aimed at cutting the subsidy pot to £1.3m.

It could mean some services no longer receive financial support, including the Dial-A-Ride service.

A council spokesman said: "We are currently gathering all views from the consultation and a report, together with recommendations will be presented to cabinet in November 2017.

"Any changes to subsidised bus journeys will take place from April 2018."

Preview of group's Chase tapestry



Chris Evans, left, and Viv Simpson working on the embroidery

CHADSMOOR Tapestry Group is putting the final touches to its latest work of art.

The group has been busy working on an embroidered panel for Hednesford Town Council for the last four years.

The embroidery, which has the theme of Hednesford Gateway to the Chase, features a map of the beauty spot surrounded by many of the area's attractions and activities.

Bordered by some of the flora and fauna indigenous to the Chase and surrounding area, the panel when finally completed will be on permanent display in Pye Green Community Centre.

In addition to many smaller embroideries for local churches within the area, the Hednesford embroidery is the fourth major community project that the group has undertaken.

It will be previewed at a coffee morning at Chadsmoor Methodist Church on Saturday from 10.30am to midday.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Inspectors confirm good rating at school

A PRIMARY school has been rated 'Good' by education watchdogs following its first inspection in five years.

Ofsted inspectors visited Chadsmoor Junior, in Burns Street, and have now written to confirm it has maintained the standards set in 2012 – when its last full inspection took place.

In a report following the September 13 visit, Her Majesty's Inspector Jonathan Keay said: "The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education since the last inspection.

Progress

"Chadsmoor Junior School is developing an effective and purposeful relationship with Chadsmoor Community Infant and Nursery School. The schools have been federated since 2012."

He added: "Attainment continues to improve at the end of key stage 2 and progress is in line with national figures.

"The school is bright, welcoming and well maintained. Teaching areas have been enhanced to ensure there is space to deliver

By Carl Jackson

extra support and challenge to small groups and individuals.

"The site and grounds are impressive. Pupils have ample space to learn and play."

Mr Keay outlined three areas of improvement which included providing governors with more detail of the impact of any changes, sharing examples of the best teaching and continuing to monitor the achievement of disadvantaged pupils.

He added: "Though standards are improving and outcomes are broadly in line with the national average, leaders acknowledge that development plans must now have even greater precision."

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LIS, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffs, WS12 9GT on **Wednesday 22 November 2017, 10:00am until 4:00pm**
Stafford Central Clinic, Floor 2, Civic Centre, Stafford ST16 3AQ on **Wednesday 29th November 2017, 10:00am until 4:00pm**

You will be able to meet members of the team and if applicable book a slot for your interview.

More information is available at www.staffordshireandstokeontrent.nhs.uk



Care jobs on offer to help patients in the community

Commercial feature

Caring and compassionate people from across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are being encouraged to embark on a career with their local NHS helping patients in their community as part of an exciting new project – Home First.

Julie Tanner, Director of Workforce at SSOTP, said: "This is an excellent opportunity to work for your local NHS and have a real impact on care in your community."

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"You will also be working with patients and their families at the most challenging and emotional of times, providing care at the end of a patient's life in their own home and ensuring the experience is as safe and comfortable as possible."

"If you have experience in a care setting and a caring and compassionate attitude with a passion for helping people, then come along to our recruitment events and start a truly rewarding career as a Home First Care and Support Worker."

The positions are a Band 3 (£16,968 - £19,852) pro-rata, part-time, permanent posts and work will be on a flexible rota including evenings and weekends



The Home First Service supports patients to move out of hospital

in line with the service demands. Post holders will be required to have the essential qualifications – NVQ/QCF level 2 or equivalent in a health and social care related subject and undertake training and development to achieve QCF Level 3.

Recruitment events are being held in the Stafford and Cannock areas where staff are available to discuss the role further. The event times are 10 until 4pm:

October 19 - LIS Civic Centre,

Beecroft Road, Cannock WS12 9GT
October 21 – Greyfriars Therapy Centre, Stafford ST16 2ST
November 22 - LIS Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock WS12 9GT
November 29 - Stafford Central Clinic, Floor 2, Civic Centre, Stafford ST16 3AQ
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2,500 Christmas jobs on offer with Amazon

MORE than 2,500 Christmas jobs are up for grabs at Amazon's Rugeley fulfilment centre to help the retail giant make sure gifts are sent on time.

Bosses are aiming to hire the seasonal workers to join 1,800 permanent employees at the Amazon Rugeley fulfilment centre. They will help to pick, pack and ship customers' festive orders.

Seasonal staff will be given the task of sorting stock in the vast warehouse in Wheelhouse Road and dispatching items to Amazon's millions of customers across the country.

Amazon's Christmas recruitment campaign will see more than 20,000 people up and down the UK recruited. However the number in Rugeley is a drop from last year, when 4,000 workers were taken on.

Recruitment

Scott Wharton, general manager at the Rugeley fulfilment centre, said: "We look forward to welcoming more than 2,500 seasonal workers at Rugeley to play an integral role in helping us deliver an exceptional experience for our customers during the Christmas season."

"We plan all year round for the festive period and the increase in people at our site to provide a positive work environment with a series of fun events."

Pay rates for seasonal staff with Amazon through its agency partners start at £7.65 an hour at the Rugeley site. The online retailer is anticipating its biggest Christmas period ever and is also expecting a busy 'Black Friday', where thousands of items are sold to customers online for a heavy discount.

Councillor Alan Dudson, chairman of Cannock Chase District Council and a Rugeley resident, said he was 'delighted' with the jobs boost.

He said: "The support for jobs in our community is always hugely welcomed and I am delighted to see that Amazon are contributing to increasing employment in Staffordshire."



Employees in the Amazon fulfilment centre at Rugeley

Crowdfund for good causes

FUNDRAISERS across Staffordshire are being urged to use a new crowdfunding platform to raise cash across their local community.

Housed on Crowdfunder.co.uk, it allows people to showcase their project to the thousands of people who regularly donate to good causes online. Research shows 75 per cent of people in Staffordshire regularly give online.

Any local charity, business, social enterprise or individual can use Crowdfund Staffordshire. The online

platform also includes advice and workshops to help people make their fundraising campaign a success.

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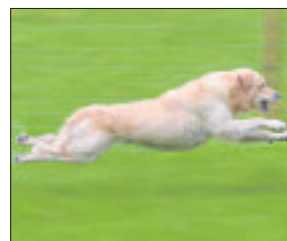
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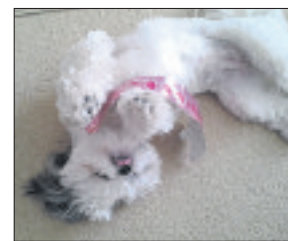
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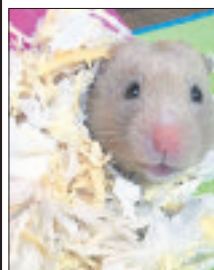
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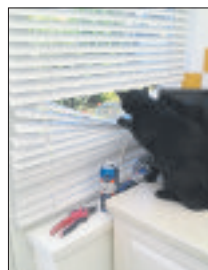
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Mia enjoys ripping up a party hat



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Jasmine the toe nibbler

Don't you just love them, big and small?

WELL it is obvious how much we all love our pets. This is the third week pictures have flooded in in response to our Animal Crackers competition and our basket of hopefuls just keeps growing and growing.

From cute and cheeky to athletic we have had a vast range of entries. It is going to be a difficult job for you readers to judge but we hope you are enjoying seeing the pictures!

But we still want more. Send us a



picture of your beloved pet and as well as the chance to see your pet in print, you could also win a £100 cash prize. It can be any animal as long as it is

a pet belonging to you or a member of your family.

Our Chronicle judges are simply looking for interesting pictures. We will select 10 of our favourite pictures and then it is up to our readers to decide on the winner.

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Official launch of LEGO suite

IT is a new suite which will literally help students build for their future and now a new LEGO training centre has formally been unveiled.

The Education Innovation Studio is part of a new £3.5 million science and technology centre which has been up and running since last month at Stafford College.

Dignitaries including Stafford MP Jer-

emy Lefroy, borough council bosses and David Frost, chair of the Stole-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) were among those to formally open the facility.

The new LEGO suite is packed full of science, literacy, computing, design technology, engineering and mathematical resources.

23,000-plus new jobs are created by partnership

MORE than 23,000 new private sector jobs were created across one area during 2016. The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which includes north Worcestershire, Lichfield and Cannock, recorded 750,198 private sector jobs in 2016.

According to data from the Office for National Statistics, the figure compares with 726,941 in 2015 – a 3.2 per cent rise. The LEP outperformed the average across England of 2.3 per cent. It aims to deliver 250,000 private sector jobs between 2010 and 2030 and has now reached 55 per cent of its target.

Rotary donations to help food volunteers

A total of 136,605 new jobs have been generated since 2010.

LEP chairman Steve Hollis said a strong pipeline of investment into the region, and a growing network of business support, was encouraging companies to employ more staff.

"This region is entering an exciting period of change, with huge levels of investment developing our transport infrastructure, upskilling our workforce and supporting the growth ambitions of our businesses," he said.

Opportunities

"The ongoing transformation of Greater Birmingham demonstrates that this is a highly attractive place for companies to locate and grow – generating thousands of jobs in the process," Mr Hollis added.

"Boosting job creation across Greater Birmingham opens up new and exciting opportunities for the people who live here.

"By improving employment levels, the region is creating more prosperity, inspiring entrepreneurialism, and maintaining a high quality of life.

"It is imperative that we continue to support and finance a range of business support programmes to ensure that we will meet and, hopefully exceed, our ambitious job-creation targets."

Annual art fair

GREAT Wyrley Art Club are holding their annual art fair at Great Wyrley Community Centre, in Landywood Lane, from 10am to 3.30pm on October 28. Up to 200 paintings will be for sale. Admission is free. For details call 07963 783865.



Rotary club president Cliff Shore, left, presents the cheque to volunteer coordinator Sue Harrell and the chairman of the community service committee, Rotarian Geoff Clegg

THE Rotary Club of Cannock has donated £1,200 to food distribution volunteers to ensure their unit remains open throughout the winter period and on into 2018.

The club has also been successful with a District Grant application and has received £500 to purchase warm winter clothes for the homeless and needy in the Cannock area.

Clothes will be bought from local charity outlets so that they can also benefit from the purchases.

The donations have been made to helpers at The Portacabin on Beecroft Road car park in Cannock which itself was purchased from funds raised by the Rotary club. Food is distributed by a team of volunteers and operates Monday to Friday each week. On average they provide 800 meals per month to the homeless and needy in and around Cannock.

Anyone who can donate used warm clothing can email secretary@cannockrotary.co.uk

For more information about the Rotary Club of Cannock visit www.cannockrotary.co.uk

Music prize nominations

NOMINATIONS for Stars in Staffs are now open to recognise young musicians.

The award was launched last year as part of Staffs Fest.

It is open to any soloists, duets or bands in Staffordshire and the age range is between 12 and 18.

For nominations, call Jon King 07989 0717815.

Ambassadors for Cadets appointed

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold has formally appointed two new ambassadors for the county's Police Cadets. The ambassador scheme was recently established to raise the profile of the Cadets in the wider community and to encourage businesses to come forward and support their valuable work.

John Giffard is an ex-Chief Constable of Staffordshire, and Grant Kearns has a long association with the RAF cadets both locally and nationally. Both were presented with certificates during a short ceremony in Stafford.

Businesses are invited to become Patrons or Sponsors to help fund uniforms and equipment for the Cadets.

Cancer team at the top in tumour trials

A BREAST cancer team in Staffordshire has recruited the most patients for research trials for women with early tumours. The team at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) has recruited around 100 more patients than the trust in the second position.

The study aims to look at whether five doses of radiotherapy delivered in one week post-surgery is more effective than the current standard treatment of 15 doses over three weeks. Professor Murray Brunt, who leads the team, said: "This recruitment is as a result of all of our team co-ordinating to offer our patients access to not only the best available treatment but also the chance to participate in potential treatments of the future."

Dr Apurna Jegannathan, consultant oncologist at UHNM, also achieved randomising the first patient in the UK to this trial.

Patients invited to tell all about their heart treatment

HEALTH leaders throughout much of Staffordshire want to hear about the experience of patients receiving treatment for a wide range of heart conditions.

An online survey has been launched by the three Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Burntwood, South Staffordshire, Tamworth, and Stafford.

Heart disease is a major cause of death among under-75s but many of the deaths could be preventable.

Now the CCGs want to ask patients about their experiences and find out how they could be changed.

Dr Mo Huda, chair of Cannock Chase CCG said: "While we want to understand how current patients access services, it is also important that people learn how to look after their heart and how to avoid heart disease wherever possible."

"The most important factor is to

live a lifestyle that avoids things we know have a direct link to developing heart conditions. These include not smoking, eating a healthy balanced diet, maintaining a healthy weight and keeping active.

"These simple measures also help lower the chances of developing a range of conditions including Type 2 diabetes, kidney disease and some cancers."

The online survey being run by the CCGs can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/ybpsvn9g>

Hospitals to act on 'holding areas'

STAFFORDSHIRE'S three main hospitals are taking action to improve the way they discharge patients after the county's health watchdog highlighted issues at each site.

Royal Stoke University Hospital, County Hospital in Stafford and Queens Hospital in Burton were all subject to a review by Healthwatch Staffordshire after patients, their relatives and care home providers criticised the poor experience of using discharge lounges, which are used by hospitals as a holding area to free up beds on wards while patients are waiting for medication or transport home.

Enter and View volunteers working for Healthwatch Staffordshire collated evidence over three months, last year, and the findings of their review have been highlighted at national level in a Healthwatch England report.

Healthwatch Staffordshire Executive Chairman Robin Morrison said: "We will continue to monitor progress."

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Building company's £1.5k gift to childcare centre



From left, Little Owl staff Emma Wilson and Anna Hartshorne with some of the children and Cameron Homes' Danielle Goffe-Wood

CHASETOWN building company Cameron Homes has stepped in to help a neighbouring childcare centre.

The firm has donated £1,500 to Little Owl Childcare in Chase Terrace, which supports children aged from two to 12 in Burntwood and Lichfield.

The money has been used to purchase a large shed for safely storing the youngsters' bikes and other outdoor equipment at the end of the day.

The centre's director Sarah McCor-

mick said: "I would like to express a massive thank you to the Cameron team for their generosity.

"The shed will allow children to choose their own equipment and enable the older children to show the younger ones where to store the toys. This will help all of the youngsters with their independence."

Danielle Goffe-Wood, marketing manager of Cameron Homes, said the company always tries to support local community organisations where possible. Meanwhile, a number of key

appointments have been made at Cameron Homes' head office in Chasetown as part of a programme to widen its operating area.

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Appeal to help poor farmers

PEOPLE from Cannock are aiming to raise as much money as possible this year to help poor farmers on the other side of the world grow enough food to eat. Last year at this time they raised £573.

Development charity CAFOD is working with communities like those in El Salvador – a small country in Central America with a population smaller than London.

Farming is the dominant profession but the land is often difficult to grow food on, and farmers may use substandard seeds

that last only one harvest and cannot cope with pests, or that need special fertiliser to grow.

CAFOD's representative for Cannock, Julia Hood, said: 'Harvest is a time of abundance of both crops and of life in the community. This event shows the abundance of compassion in Cannock.'

'Our Harvest appeal is about literally planting seeds but also about standing with people to ensure that they can prosper.'

To donate visit cafod.org.uk/harvest

GP out-of-hours firm is bought in £11m move

A COMPANY that provides GP out-of-hours services in Cannock, Lichfield and Stafford is changing hands as part of an £11 million deal. Out-of-hospital services provider Totally is buying Vocare, which has operations across the UK.

Vocare also specialises in providing the NHS 111 service working in conjunction with accident and emergency departments. It caters for 9.2 million patients nationwide and has enjoyed substantial growth over the past two years with turnover up 137 per cent from £32.4m in 2015 to £76.8m in the 12 months to the end of March.

Driver's lucky escape after A38 breakdown



The crash scene Picture: West Midlands Ambulance Service

A DRIVER'S decision to get out of his car while waiting for breakdown assistance potentially saved his life after another vehicle ploughed into it, ambulance chiefs have said.

The emergency services received a 999 call to a road traffic collision on the A38, near the A5192, in Lichfield, at 6.09am on Friday. West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Jamie Arrowsmith said: "We arrived to find a car on its roof that had crashed into the central reservation after colliding with a stationary car. The driver of the stationary car, which had broken down, had moved to a place of safety at the roadside, a decision which has potentially saved his life given the collision that followed."

He urged all occupants of vehicles to get out and move away from danger if they find themselves in similar circumstances. The driver of the overturned car, a man believed to be in his 40s, was helped out of the vehicle, treated for back pain and immobilised before being taken to Queens Hospital in Burton for further treatment.

MP praises fundraisers

SOUTH Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said it was 'heart warming' to see how much money was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support by local people.

He visited coffee mornings in Codsall, Brewood, Swindon, Great Wyrley, Perton and Pattingham who were all taking part in the Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning.

A5 closed as flames rip through old pub

FIRE crews tackled a 'severe' blaze at a disused pub site – with a nearby road closed due to smoke coming from the scene. Crews battled to get the fire at the Rising Sun, on the A5, in Brownhills, under control after being called to the scene at 3.30pm last Wednesday.

Motorists were hit with delays of up to 20 minutes as the battle to bring the blaze under control escalated, with the road closed between the Rising Sun and Turf Island in both directions. The Burntwood and Cannock Chase Community First Responders took to Facebook live to share pictures from the scene.

Before its closure, The Rising Sun was one of the long-established pubs in the West Midlands.

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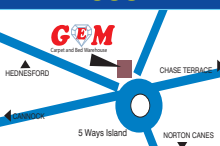
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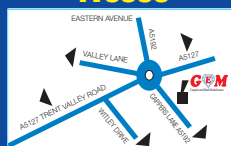
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Making 80s as popular now as it was then

The Wedding Singer, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IT'S odd when you hear the era in which you considered yourself to be young described as "retro."

It feels as if you are ancient and that the kids of today see the 1980's in the same way you would see the 1940's. But, judging by the audience reaction to Nick Winston's production of The Wedding Singer at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, it seems the '80's is as popular now as it was then.

Starring the quirky but cute Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore at her most delightful, the 1998 movie version of The Wedding Singer was a massive hit and naturally lent itself to becoming a musical theatre show.

This is not a jukebox show however, but a full-on musical theatre production complete with an original score, a witty script and high-energy dance routines.

And, the simple storyline flows evenly in between the songs to offer a modest, but entertaining production.

It's the tale of Robbie, a New Jersey wedding singer and wannabe rock star, whose usually excitable demeanour hits rock bottom when he is jilted at the altar. For those expecting the catalogue of hits from the film version, the score may be a little bit of a disappointment, but by musical theatre standards it is upbeat.

ALISON NORTON

Get down and get with Slade Alive!

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

THINK of Slade and most folks conjure images of outrageous 1970s gear or hear perennial festive earworm Merry Xmas Everybody.

What many forget is just what a great rock 'n' roll band the Black Country hit-makers were.

To prove that point, the group's classic album **Slade Alive!** has been reissued by BMG as a handsome hard-back cover CD with 28-page booklet or, for the retro groovers, 180g vinyl with six-page 12 inch booklet.

Marking the 45th anniversary of its original release, this seven-track blast from the past shows a band at their most comfortable performing live.

Energy

Famously recorded for just £600 in a London recording studio in front of an invited audience of fans, the album still resonates with raw energy.

Noddy Holder rules the roost, joking with fans that he has to find the right key before unleashing that famous Black Country roar, while the formidable rhythm section of Jim Lea and Don Powell keep up a stomping bluesy beat, as Dave Hill contributes vigorous guitar and asides.

The album came out just before Slade became Top Of The Pops regulars with a string of hits.

This is the sound of a hard-gigging band that knew how to get an audience ready to Get Down And Get With It, the name of the Bobby Marchan soul stomper that they cover here and was



Slade back in the early 70s - Noddy Holder, Don Powell, Jim Lea and Dave Hill

their debut hit. Slade originals In Like A Shot From A Gun, Know Who You Are and Keep On Rocking are performed alongside covers of Ten Years After's Hear Me Calling, John Sebastian's Darling Be Home Soon and, Slade's favourite set closer, Steppenwolf's Born To Be Wild.

Raucous, fun and wild, it's easy to see why this inspired Joey Ramone to form the band that kickstarted punk and led Noel Gallagher to cite Slade as one of the great British rock bands.

When it comes to great bands on stage, American connoisseurs of the wilder realms of vintage rock 'n' roll, The Cramps were hard to beat.

The death of singer Lux Interior in 2009 ended their reign as most exulted potentates of rockabilly and surf beat but the spirit lives on in the Cherry Red Records 60-track various artists compilation **Jukebox In Crampsville**.

Inspired by Lux and his partner Poison Ivy's rare record collection, this plunders the more obscure corners of

1950s and 60s rock 'n' roll, blues, jazz, doo wop, surf and exotica for some gems and quite a few weird novelties.

Only a few familiar names appear, including some blues and country artists who went on to find mainstream success with less esoteric material.

But these lo-fi offerings, featuring lots of honking horns and twangy guitars, have vintage appeal.

Cherry Red's Doctor Bird imprint has released on CD a couple of excellent early reggae albums. Derek Harriot & The Crystalites' **Psychodelic Train** is an expanded edition of one of the legendary Trojan label's best-sellers of 1970 featuring sweetly sung rocksteady and tight instrumentals.

Highlights include Message From A Black Man and Laugh It Off.

Various artists album **Gay Feet** showcases Sonia Pottinger's label of that name which found success in mid-60s Jamaica with its soulful R&B and ska instrumentals, particularly those featuring trumpeter Baba Brooks.

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Neil: It's not so easy to write a hit record

Ever-green singer Neil Diamond will return to Birmingham to headline the city's Arena tonight and Genting Arena on Sunday. The star is celebrating his 50th anniversary, having last played Birmingham when he headlined the Genting Arena in 2015.

Having sold more than 130 million albums worldwide, Neil has an enviable back catalogue that includes Sweet Caroline, Cracklin' Rosie, Love on the Rocks and Forever in Blue Jeans.

Neil is delighted to be back on the road after taking a couple of years out from his regular touring work.

"This is my usual schedule. Every two or three years I go out there. But the reaction to this one has been a little different. We've put 50 cities on sale and the response has been way high. It's been very heartening to me. I've been doing this 50 years and to have an audience that's out there and anxious and enthusiastic is exciting."

He didn't imagine he'd have made it this far. Neil is all too aware that rock'n'roll careers seldom last into their 50th year and when he started out artists tended to just have two or three records. After that, they were bombed out by their record company and it was on to the next.

He's not the only one who's lasted the course, however. Nobody imagined The Rolling Stones would still be singing Satisfaction 50 years later.

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But Neil was part of a generation that also included other enduring stars, such as Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan and Brian Wilson. Before them, artists didn't have long careers - with very few exceptions.

Neil has a vast catalogue of work from which to choose when he is playing live. He usually finds the opening song and if that gets him excited, the rest of the show writes itself. There are ups and downs, valleys, left turns, quiet moments and bombastic moments. "You just keep adding songs and work from the song before it. Eventually you get to a point after two hours where you think, 'OK, let's wrap it'."

However, it's not all blockbuster tunes. Neil is keen to find space for newer cuts so that he can keep the show exciting for him and the rest of the band. He's also played songs by Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell and more.

But it's tunes like Sweet Caroline that the fans want - and it's a tune he's played more than 1,500 times live.

Neil's other ultra-popular songs are Cherry Cherry, Cracklin' Rose, I Am I Said, Brother's Love Travelling Salvation Show, Beautiful Noise, Holly Holy, Forever in Blue Jeans, America and You Don't Bring Me Flowers.

"I want to create a list of songs that I haven't done before. 'If You Go Away' is as definite candidate. 'Suzanne' is a definite candidate. I have a list, but I want to keep some of them surprises. There will be a bunch of additions to the set list. Hopefully they'll be accepted by people. If they are, we'll keep doing them."

The veteran songwriter is making the most

Forever in blue jeans - Neil's on his 50th anniversary tour



of his 50th anniversary and a career-spanning box set features 50 hand-picked songs from his career.

The star began his career as a Brill Building songwriter and wrote for Jay and the Americans, The Monkees and other stars. He was the brains behind I'm a Believer and A Little Bit Me, a Little Bit You, among many others.

Stars flocked to play his music, with his work covered by musicians including Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash and UB40, who turned his 1968 song Red Red Wine into a Number One in 1983.

While Neil has influenced many other stars, he was shaped by artists from a different era.

He loved Lonnie Donegan's Rock Island Line, The Everly Brothers' Bye Bye Love, The Rolling Stones' Satisfaction, Peter Paul and Mary's Blowin' In The Wind and Ritchie Valens' La Bamba.

During those early years, Neil had no real thought of becoming a singer. He wanted to go to medical school to become a scientist. However, he decided he wasn't smart enough

I've been doing it a long time now. I can't find another way to make a living

for that and instead he dropped out of New York University after his junior year to take a job on Tin Pan Alley. He was paid \$50 a week and it took eight years to write his first hit, Solitary Man, in 1966.

Despite his brilliance, he's never found it particularly easy to write a hit. He told an interviewer recently: "You would think that after all these years of writing I would have learnt to do it quickly and gracefully and easily, but it doesn't seem to work out that way."

"Every song is different, so it doesn't help me very much to have had years of experience. It's hard work, and it's not getting any easier."

"But all right, nobody told me it was gonna be easy. And so what? I'm a ditch-digger when I'm writing songs. My back hurts? Who cares? I gotta get that ditch dug deep and strong and it's gotta serve its purpose. There are no short cuts. There are only long cuts. That's what it is. But I've been doing it a long time now. I can't find another way to make a living."

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The Vryll Society from Liverpool



Vryll have licence to thrill in psychedelic triple bill

Gig of the week is a rare foray into the West Midlands for Liverpool's fast rising psychedelic rockers The Vryll Sociey.

The band who shared bills with Blossoms, The Coral and The Kooks recently released a single, Shadow Of A Wave, and the swaggering indie pop quintet have picked up a big following on Merseyside. They will be headlining a formidable triple bill at Wolverhampton's Newhampton Arts Centre next Thursday (October 19) warming up for the Ritual Union festival on Oxford's Cowley Road the following Saturday.

Also at this feast of psychedelia near Molineux will be Sweden's Josefin Öhrn + The Liberation and Sheffield heavy psych outfit Baba Naga.

Little Mix will be giving a shout out to their exes

at the Genting Arena tomorrow (Friday) before returning in November. That night rock fans may prefer Birmingham's Broken Witt Rebels at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton or 68 Guns outfit The Alarm at Birmingham O2 Academy. Young Pilgrims bring their brassy grooves to Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre on Saturday but it will be Brass In Pocket at the Symphony Hall on Sunday when Chrissie Hynde brings The Pretenders. Or end the weekend at Bilston for some Hocus Pocus with Dutch rockers Focus at the Robin 2.

Major gigs at the Symphony Hall include soul singer Michael Kiwanuka (Monday), Soft Cell's Marc Almond (Tuesday) and folk/rockers The Waterboys (next Thursday).

Bedlam looks at healing through arts



The healing power of art comes under the spotlight in Bedlam, Birmingham's third arts and mental health festival, which starts on Tuesday.

Shaped by people who have experienced mental ill health, the festival celebrates arts and wellbeing and is being held at venues across the city, chiefly Birmingham Repertory Theatre and the Mac in Cannon Hill Park.

The three-week festival features performance poet, Lemn Sissay, pictured, performing his one-man play Something Dark (October

24, Mac); poetry and dance event Kahaani (Oct 27, Mac); Birmingham actress Olivia Winteringham looks at love and grief and how the state of our minds can affect how we remember in Delightful (Oct 26-28, Birmingham Rep).

Charming family show The Girl and the Giraffe (Oct 24-26, Mac) uses puppetry to explore wellbeing and friendship from a child's perspective in matinee performances. A Wellbeing Discovery Day (Oct 22, Rep) will offer yoga, meditation, tai chi and a range of mindfulness activities for all ages.

Festival organiser Steve Ball, an

associate director at The Rep, said: "Evidence shows that the arts can have a positive impact on wellbeing yet there have been too few opportunities for people affected by mental ill health to engage with the arts. We hope that this festival will change that.

"Our inaugural festival in 2013 attracted 1,650 participants and audience members and increased to 2,408 in 2015. With the addition of new partners and venues the 2017 festival promises to be bigger than ever." Visit www.birmingham-rep.co.uk website.

Halloween comes early to the Grand

Get into the Halloween spirit early when mirth and the macabre merge in The Addams Family musical, staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday (October 17-21).

Rising star of stage Carrie Hope Fletcher, pictured, who is also massively popular on social media, will take on the iconic role of Wednesday Addams with Samantha Womack as her vampish mother Morticia and Les Dennis as ghoulish Uncle Fester.



Dance star Carlos brings Cuba's best

Dance superstar Carlos Acosta will make a guest appearance with his Acosta Danza troupe at Birmingham Hippodrome. The Havana-based company features dancers from Cuba gathered by the former Royal Ballet star to perform works by choreographers from Acosta's homeland, plus leading American and European dance creators. Debut is staged from Wednesday to Saturday (October 18-21). Contact Dance Company have been working with Wolverhampton's Mosaic Disability Theatre on dance duets being performed tomorrow (Friday), matinee and evening performances, in Two Fold at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre. Lucy Suggate brings physical expression to the electronic music of James Holden in Pilgrim at the Hippodrome's Patrick Centre venue on October 20.

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Haiky Bikers' Comfort Food. **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **2.15** Money for Nothing. **2.45** Film: Gnomeo & Juliet. (2011) Animated comedy, with the voices of James McAvoy and Emily Blunt. **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** Escape to the Country. **5.40** BBC News. **5.50** Regional Programme.

6.00 **Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a family-themed of the general knowledge quiz, featuring Robert Lindsay, Merrill and Jay Osmond, Richard Herring and Richard Blackwood.

6.45 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman host as the 13 remaining couples once again take to the stage to demonstrate whether another week of training has paid off. As ever, head judge Shirley Ballas and her fellow panellists Darcey Bussell, Bruno Tonioli and Craig Revel Horwood are on hand to deliver their expert opinions on the stars' performances. At the end of the show, voting lines are opened for members of the public to have their say on the evening's routines, with the results being combined with the judges' scores in the next edition to determine which competitors will be going head-to-head in the dance-off.

8.40 **Casualty.** Ethan learns the truth about Connie's illness, and she blackmails him into performing an urgent surgical procedure on her. Meanwhile, Alicia panics ahead of her driving test.

9.30 **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes is excited about Rory and Dino's big day, until she meets their flamboyant wedding planner, while Father Damien raises concerns about the ceremony. **(R)**

10.00 **BBC News:** Weather. National Lottery Update.

10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Liverpool v Manchester United at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Chelsea at Selhurst Park.

11.45 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL world.

12.15 **Film:** Reasonable Doubt. (2014) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 How We Won the War. **(R)** **6.45** Animal Park Summer Special. **(R)** **7.30** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **(R)** **8.00** Deadly 60. **(R)** **8.30** Show Me What You're Made Of. **9.00** Saturday Mash-Up! **11.00** Mountain Lions – Big Cats in High Places: Natural World. **(R)** **12.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends. **(R)** **1.00** Coast. **(R)** **1.30** Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands. **2.30** India: Nature's Wonderland. **(R)** **3.30** Flog It! **(R)** **4.30** Mastermind. **(R)** **5.00** The Big Family Cooking Showdown. **(R)**

6.00 **Anglesey: Island Life.** Two descendants of the first Marquess of Anglesey revisit their childhood home, while the head of the Anglesey Druid Order celebrates summer solstice.

6.30 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don adds gooseberries to his fruit garden, divides and moves herbaceous perennials and advises on the best bulbs to plant for cut flowers next year. **(R)**

7.30 **Front Row.** Giles Coren and his guests discuss some of this week's cultural highlights, and Samira Ahmed interviews Kate Winslet about romance-disaster film *The Mountain Between Us*.

8.00 **Britain Afloat.** Mary-Ann Ochota's boating documentary continues as she turns attention to narrow boats, which helped power Britain's industrial revolution, and shaped the lives of canal workers.

8.30 **Dad's Army.** Sergeant Wilson is appointed manager of the Eastgate branch of the bank. Comedy, starring John Le Mesurier. **(R)**

9.00 **Lucy Worsley's Nights at the Opera.** Part one of two. The history of some of the world's greatest operas, beginning with the political climate behind famous works by Monteverdi, Mozart, Beethoven and Verdi.

10.00 **Live at the Apollo.** With Joe Lycett and Phil Wang. **(R)**

10.30 **Later – with Jojo Holland.** With Robert Plant, St Vincent, Nick Mulvey, Kelela and John Moreland.

11.35 **Film: The British Guide to Showing Off.** (2011) Part-animated documentary about Andrew Logan's *Alternative Miss World* show, celebrating some of the most memorable contestants featured over the 40 years of the event.

1.05 **Film:** The Hunters. (1996) **3.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **(R)** **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **(R)** **6.35** Dino Dan: Trick's Adventures. **(R)** **6.55** Super 4. **(R)** **7.00** Mission Embodyable. **(R)** **7.05** Oddbods. **(R)** **7.10** Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. **(R)** **7.50** Scrambled!: Fangbone. **(R)** **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. **(R)** **8.30** Scrambled!: Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Morning with James Martin. **11.25** Gino's Italian Escape – Islands in the Sun. **(R)** **11.55** ITV News: Weather. **12.00** The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge. **(R)** **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket. Coverage of today's race meetings at Newmarket and York. **4.15** Thunderbirds Are Go. **(R)** **4.45** Little Big Shots. **(R)** **5.45** Regional Programme. Weather. **5.55** ITV News: Weather.

6.15 **Cannonball.** Andrew Flintoff hosts the action-packed game show, in which contestants tackle a series of water-based, obstacle course challenges in the hope of claiming the Cannonball Cup.

7.15 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** New series. The star-filled version of the quiz show returns, as Christian O'Connell, Carrie Grant, Naomi Wilkinson and Dave Johns take on one of the show's resident experts.

8.15 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** The dreaded Six Chair Challenge phase of the contest reaches its midway point, as the performers each take to the stage individually, in a bid to win one of the six seats on the stage – and at place in the Judges' Houses round. However, even those performers who manage to claim a chair are not safe, as judges Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh, Sharon Osbourne and Nicole Scherzinger all retain the right to evict previously selected contestants in favour of acts that follow, and host Dermot O'Leary is on hand to console those unfortunate performers who find themselves giving up their place to another contestant.

10.15 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host is joined by guests Stormzy, Annette Bening and Jamie Bell.

11.20 **ITV News:** Weather.

11.40 **Film: The Last Boy Scout.** (1991) **1.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Hungry Sailors. **(R)** **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Marathon: Yorkshire. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R)** **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R)** **8.00** Frasier. **(R)** **8.25** Frasier. **(R)** **8.55** Frasier. **(R)** **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. **10.50** The Simpsons. **(R)** **11.20** The Simpsons. **(R)** **11.50** Come Dine with Me. **(R)** **12.25** Come Dine with Me. **(R)** **12.55** Come Dine with Me. **(R)** **1.25** Come Dine with Me. **(R)** **1.55** Come Dine with Me. **(R)** **2.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **(R)** **3.30** Best Laid Plans. **5.35** Location, Location, Location. **(R)**

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Rivers with Jeremy Paxman.** The presenter and fishing enthusiast travels along four of England's greatest rivers, exploring their history, traditions and wildlife. The first episode follows the Tweed along the English-Scottish border, where he helps to shear Cheviot sheep, tags osprey chicks, goes in search of Merlin's grave and discovers the origins of famous border ballads. **(R)**

8.00 **Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson.** Time Team host Tony Robinson embarks on a final trek along one of Britain's ancient byways. This time, having previously travelled along a Bronze Age trackway, he turns his attention to a relatively modern route. Originally a Roman road, Dere Street stretched from York through to the Central Belt of Scotland, but its Roman name has been lost to history. Passing north through Hadrian's Wall, Tony contemplates the ancient night sky, braves the roar of a Celtic horn, and mixes medieval potions. Last in the series.

9.00 **Film: Non-Stop.** (2014) An air marshal on a transatlantic flight receives mysterious messages in which an anonymous terrorist threatens to kill one passenger every 20 minutes unless a ransom is paid. He searches the plane for the criminals responsible, but his investigation is threatened when he is framed as being the mastermind behind the plot. Action thriller, starring Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore and Lupita Nyong'o.

11.05 **Film: Tower Heist.** (2011) Crime comedy, starring Ben Stiller. **1.00** The Last Leg. **(R)** **1.55** Hollyoaks. **4.05** Building the Dream. **(R)**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.20** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **(R)** **10.55** The Gadget Show. **(R)** **11.45** Police Interceptors. **(R)** **12.40** Police Interceptors. **(R)** **1.40** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. **(R)** **2.40** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. **(R)** **3.40** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. **(R)** **4.40** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. **(R)** **5.35** 5 News Weekend. **5.40** Film: A Bridge Too Far. (1977) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Dirk Bogarde.

9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Fulham v Preston North End at Craven Cottage, Leeds United v Reading at Elland Road, and Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa at Molineux.

9.45 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Fleetwood Town v Rochdale at Highbury Stadium, and Luton Town v Stevenage at Kenilworth Road.

10.15 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** The drama returns with a case about a youngster who appears to have been abducted, a fate that befall her adoptive parents' biological daughter 10 years previously. **(R)**

11.10 **Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** Benson and Stabler are called to the hospital after the reported rape of a 10-year-old girl, and a media frenzy is sparked when another victim comes forward. **(R)**

12.05 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** The EastEnders Murders: True Crime. Real Tragedy. A documentary exploring the stories behind the deaths of Gemma McCluskie and Sian Blake, who were both stars of one of Britain's best-loved soaps, EastEnders. **(R)** **4.00** Gypsy Kids: Our Secret World. Nine-year-old Jack Joe decides he is old enough to move into his own trailer. Francie, Johnny and Margaret attend the funeral of their grandfather Simey Doherty. Last in the series. **(R)** **4.50** Divine Designs. St Sophia's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, London. **(R)** **5.20** Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. **(R)** **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes. Two estate agents learn how to make classic oriental dishes. **(R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 The Incredible Human Journey **8.00** Wild China **9.00** Beck: Buried Alive **10.25** Beck: Room 302 **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.35** Big Hits: TOPP 1964 to 1975 **2.00** Wild China **3.00** Close

ITV2

12.20 Take Me Out **1.35** You've Been Framed! **Top 100 Kids** **2.35** The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge **4.05** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.45** Film: Liar Liar (1997) **7.30** Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) **8.30** FYI Daily **8.55** Film: The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014) **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.25** American Dad! **12.55** Timewasters **1.55** Bromans **2.50** The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.00 Lewis **2.00** Rosemary & Thyme **3.00** Foyle's War **7.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.05** On the Buses **2.00** The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV4

1.05 Storage Wars **2.05** Film: The Way West (1967) **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10** Film: The Way West (1967) **4.30** Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35** Film: Jeremiah Johnson (1972) **6.50** Hornblower **9.00** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **11.20** Film: Se7en (1995) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25** Film: Se7en (1995) **2.00** The Classic Car Show **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 The Goldbergs **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** The Great British Bake Off **5.15** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 2 (2012) **11.20** Gogglebox **1.30** The Inbetweeners **2.35** Rude Tube **3.25** Gogglebox **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **5.05** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4

11.00 Sunshine on Leith (2013) **1.00** Stuart Little 2 (2002) **2.30** Titanic (1997) **6.15** The Hunger Games (2012) **9.00** Wild (2014) A woman attempts to turn her life around by embarking on an epic, solo trek along America's Pacific Crest Trail. Drama based on a true story, starring Reese Witherspoon. **11.20** Everly (2014) **1.10** Blue Ruin (2014) **3.05** Close

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Albert resents Lehen's influence over the queen, and fears she is putting the health of their children at risk. The prince also unwittingly creates problems for Peel, who is facing the most important battle of his political career as he takes a stand against the corn laws. However, the embattled prime minister discovers that Albert has played into their enemies' hands. The growing tension creates a rift between the royal couple, but when tragedy strikes, personal and political sacrifices must be made. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Eat Well for Less? (R) **5.50** BBC News.

6.05 Regional Programme.

6.15 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison visits Wakehurst Place in Sussex that was devastated in the 1987 hurricane, and discovers how the estate was repaired and its trees replanted, becoming a showcase for global conservation. She also presents reports from the Countryfile archives on places that have needed to be rebuilt due to destructive weather.

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.

The results of the public vote are combined with the judges' scores to determine which pro-celebrity duos will be competing in the dance-off. Featuring music from Gregory Porter.

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a second episode from Nymans gardens near Crawley. The experts examine items including a jeweled locket that was a gift from Queen Victoria, an ash tray that was designed by Picasso, a collection of nearly 1000 keys, and a box of silver gambling tokens used for making debt demands.

9.00 **The Last Post.** Joe is sent to recover incriminating photographs taken by Martha, but finds himself dangerously attracted to her. Ed tries to reconnect with Alison after the recent tragedy.

10.00 BBC News.**10.20 Regional Programme.**

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Brighton & Hove Albion v Everton at the AMEX Stadium and Southampton v Newcastle United at St Mary's Stadium.

11.30 Film: Possession. (2002) Two rival academics become attracted to each other while investigating two Victorian poets they believe were having an affair. Drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **11.30** My Life on a Plate. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Film: The World's Fastest Indian. (2005) Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. **3.00** Northern Italy Unpacked. (R) **4.00** Coast. (R) **5.00** Flog It! (R)

6.00 **Top Gear.** Chris Harris and Matt LeBlanc compete in a race across the Arabian peninsula, pitting a Bugatti Chiron against an assortment of other ways of travelling – with money no object. Rory Reid creates a life-size arcade game to put city cars to the test, and Timie Tempah takes a ride on the Top Gear track in a Toyota GT86. (R)

7.00 **Russia with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer embarks on a journey across the world's biggest country, taking him from the snow-capped volcanoes of the far east, through some of the remotest parts of the planet, to the great cities of the west, Moscow and St Petersburg. (R)

8.00 **Dragons' Den.** Entrepreneurs pitch money-making ideas for a home sensor system for the elderly, protein shake bottles and gluten-free cakes to the panel. Presented by Evan Davis.

9.00 **Louis Theroux: Dark States – Trafficking Sex.** Louis explores the sex trade in Houston, examining how the city has become a major centre for people trafficking and uncovering the complex dynamic between prostitutes and pimps.

10.00 **Snowfall.** Franklin lets success go to his head, but faces some hard lessons. Teddy insists on meeting his supplier, and Oso makes demands of Pedro and Lucia after a job goes wrong.

10.50 **Mock the Week.** James Acaster, Tom Allen, Ed Byrne, Rhys James and Ellie Taylor join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)

11.20 **Film: Leave to Remain.** (2013) An Afghan teenager living in Britain faces a dilemma as the decision over whether he can claim refugee status approaches. Drama, starring Noof Dussellam.

12.45 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Mission: Impossible. (R) **7.05** Oddbods. (R) **7.10** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! (R) **8.45** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. **9.25** TV News. **9.30** Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **10.55** Amazing Animal Births. (R) **11.55** Bigheads. (R) **12.55** TV News: Weather. **1.00** The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge. (R) **3.00** Film: Black Beauty. (1994) Family drama, starring Sean Bean. **4.40** Victoria. (R) **5.40** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.50** TV News: Weather.

6.00 **Tippling Point: Lucky Stars.** Ben Shephard presents a celebrity edition of the quiz, in which contestants Rita Simons, Mark Benton and Oli Mubase answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

7.00 **The X Factor: Six Chair Challenge.** Dermot O'Leary hosts the conclusion of the Six Chair Challenge stage. Each of the judges must make their final decisions about which of the contestants will win one of the coveted seats and make it through to the next stage – but they are still free to change their mind right up until the last moment.

9.00 **Victoria.** Albert resents Lehen's influence over the queen, and unwittingly makes life difficult for Peel, who is facing the most important battle of his political career. Last in the series.

10.05 TV News: Weather.

10.20 **Peston on Sunday.** Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston and Allegra Stratton, featuring reports on the latest issues and interviews with topical guests. (R)

11.20 **Liar.** Laura enlists Tom's help in her plan to bring Andrew to justice, but when a deception in her personal life comes to light she resorts to dangerous methods to force a confession. (R)

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Kevin Can Wait. **6.45** Kevin Can Wait. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Mission: Impossible. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie's Quick & Easy Food. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Antz. (1998) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. **4.10** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials. (R) **5.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 **Secrets of China's Forbidden City.** Documentary exploring the Beijing palace that housed Chinese emperors for 600 years. The programme reveals the current conservation work being carried out and uncovers new details about past rulers, including trade with Europe and how a marble staircase was transported along an ice road. A scale model is used to demonstrate how the structure was built to withstand earthquakes. (R)

8.00 **Escape.** Five engineers must build an escape boat from wreckage from a number of vehicles left drifting in crocodile-infested waters following a flash flood. With Ant Middleton.

9.00 **Electric Dreams: Real Life.** A detective pursuing a killer and a games designer both seek solace from the challenges of their life by using a virtual reality device. Each uses the machine to imagine themselves in the other's world, but end up losing sight of what is real and what is an illusion. Anna Paquin and Terence Howard star in an episode written by Outlander and Battlestar Galactica producer Ronald D Moore.

10.05 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.** Jimmy Carr hosts as Jon Richardson and Sara Pascoe take on Sean Lock and Vic Reeves. David O'Doherty joins Susie Dent in Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.00 **Film: The Impossible.** (2012) A family spending Christmas in Thailand are separated in the 2004 tsunami and struggle to find each other in the ensuing chaos. Drama, starring Naomi Watts.

1.05 The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **2.00** Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. (R) **2.55** Grand Designs Australia. (R) **3.50** Building the Dream. (R) **4.45** Gillette World Sport.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Poppy Cat. **6.10** Little Princess. (R) **6.25** Mr Men. (R) **6.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.40** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.45** Simon. (R) **6.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.55** Wipper. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.35** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Flogals. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.20** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.10** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R)

11.45 Film: Fetch Lives. (1989) **1.35** Film: The 'Burb. (1989) **3.25** Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1. (1993) **4.25** 5 News Update. **4.50** Film: National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1. (1993) **5.15** Film: Get Smart. (2008)

6.15 **5 News Update.**

6.20 **Film: Get Smart.** (2008) A clumsy office worker at a secret intelligence agency is sent into action against a sinister terrorist organisation. Spy comedy, starring Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway. Edited for language and violence.

7.20 **Film: Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls.** (1995) The eccentric pet detective is coaxed out of exile in a Buddhist monastery to search for a missing sacred bat in the African jungle. Comedy sequel, with Jim Carrey and Simon Callow. Edited for language and sexual content.

8.55 **5 News Weekend.**

9.00 **Film: We're the Millers.** (2013) Premiere. A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.

10.00 **5 News Update.**

10.05 **Film: We're the Millers.** (2013) A drug dealer recruits a fake family to give him a cover for moving a shipment of marijuana over the Mexican border. Comedy, with Jason Sudeikis and Jennifer Aniston.

11.25 **Film: Grown Ups.** (2010) Five friends attend the funeral of their high-school basketball coach, and decide to relive their childhood over a weekend at a lake house. Comedy, with Adam Sandler.

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** The French Revolution: Tearing Up History **9.00** Jonas Kaufmann: Tenor for the Ages **10.30** Kaufmann's Oello at the Royal Opera House **12.00** Dancing Queen to Cheek: An Intimate History of Dance **2.00** The Story of Scottish Art **3.00** Close

ITV2

11.45 Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **12.45** Film: What a Girl Wants (2003) **1.55** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **4.30** Film: Despicable Me 2 (2013) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35** Film: Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.35** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **7.35** FYI Daily **7.40** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **1.00** The Cleveland Show

ITV3

12.45 Film: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50** Film: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) **2.50** Film: The Nun's Story (1959) **4.10** FYI Daily **4.15** Film: The Nun's Story (1959) **5.50** Wycliffe **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Honest **11.00** Hilda Ogden's Last Ta-ra – A Tribute to Jean Alexander **12.05** Joanna Lumley: The Search for Noah's Ark **1.35** The Knock

ITV4

1.50 Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **2.55** FYI Daily **3.00** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **4.00** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **6.55** Pre-Historic River Monsters **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Conan the Destroyer (1984) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: Conan the Destroyer (1984) **11.05** Car Crash Global **12.10** Film: Barb Wire (1996) **1.10** FYI Daily **1.15** Film: Barb Wire (1996) **2.05** The Avengers **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Made in Chelsea **12.00** Don't Tell the Bride **1.00** My Hotter Half **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) **9.40** The Inbetweeners **10.55** Naked Attraction **11.55** Tattoo Fixers **1.00** Rude Tube **2.30** Don't Tell the Bride **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4

1.00 Napoleon Dynamite (2004) **2.50** Carry On Cleo (1964) **4.40** Ghostbusters II (1989) **6.45** The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00** The Maze Runner (2014) **11.15** Cuban Fury (2014) **1.10** Surviving Life (2010) **3.25** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Resident Evil: Retribution, Channel 5, 11.05pm
Zombie fighter Alice finds herself trapped in a top-secret underground base as a virus sweeps the world, turning the human race into the undead. She battles through the complex in search of those responsible for the outbreak and faces an old friend, now under the control of her enemies. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory and Michelle Rodriguez. (2012)

TUESDAY

Damaged, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A high-school teacher's life is turned upside down when a new student moves into the area and they develop a mutual attraction for each other, leading to a string of undesirable events. Thriller, starring Chris Klein, Merritt Patterson and Tasya Teles. (2014)

WEDNESDAY

Lifetime of Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Returning home for her brother's funeral, Sayre Hoyle attempts to unravel the truth about his death. While she is in the neighbourhood, she must also deal with her strained relationship with her corrupt businessman father and the romantic attentions of his lawyer. Mystery, starring Shenae Grimes-Beech, Sean Faris and John Schneider. (2016)



Instinct, Friday, Channel 4, 12.10am

THURSDAY

Fatal Friends, Channel 5, 3.10pm
Quiet teenage musician Ashley is delighted when she befriends new student Michelle, until the girl shows worrying signs of being possessive. When a strange series of events threatens to disrupt Ashley's family, school life and a budding relationship, she realises she has to put a stop to Michelle's destructive behaviour. Thriller, starring Kristen Prout. (2015)

FRIDAY

Instinct, Channel 4, 12.10am
A prison psychologist probes the mind of a maximum-security inmate, an expert on primate behaviour, to find out what made the zoologist go berserk and murder two park rangers in Rwanda. Drama, inspired by Daniel Quinn's novel Ishmael, starring Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. (1999)

Going behind the scenes of a memorable occasion

It was one of the biggest boxing bouts in recent history – a clash of generations between an upcoming young talent and one of the sport's greatest-ever champions.

Back in April, Anthony Joshua fought Wladimir Klitschko for the IBF, WBA and IBO heavyweight titles in front of 90,000 fans at Wembley Stadium.

It was the largest-ever attendance for a boxing bout on British soil and the most spectators for a heavyweight fight anywhere in the world since The Long Count Fight between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in Chicago in 1927.

For once, the much-hyped event wasn't an anti-climax. After a close and cautious first four rounds, 'AJ' came out and barraged 'Dr Steelhammer' to the canvas in the fifth.

However, the 41-year-old Ukrainian rose up and dominated his younger opponent for the remainder of the round, before battering him and scoring his own knockdown in round six.

The next few rounds were again cautious, both men wary of each other, until a reinvigorated Joshua attacked his opponent in round 11, sending him to the canvas.

Klitschko again rose up, but Joshua knocked him down for a second time in the round, before the referee stopped the fight.

This documentary follows Joshua in the final hours leading up to the historic fight.

It also provides an intimate insight into the young champion at home the night before and in his dressing room as the clock ticked down to the opening bell.

The programme also features a look at the career of the Watford fighter, who turned 28 on Sunday.

As an amateur, Joshua represented Britain at the 2012 Olympics, winning a gold medal in the super-heavyweight division.

He is also the second boxer, after Joe Frazier, to win a world heavyweight title whilst still reigning as Olympic champion at the top weight.

But before his success in the ring he had his fair share of problems.

In 2009, Joshua was put on remand in Reading Prison for what he describes as "fighting and other crazy stuff". He was made to wear an electronic tag on his ankle when released.

Then in March 2011, Joshua was pulled over by the police for speeding in Colindale, North London.

He was found with 80oz of herbal cannabis hidden in a sports bag in his Mercedes and charged with possession with intent to supply a class B drug, an offence that carries a maximum 14-year sentence.

Joshua was suspended from GB boxing squad and was sentenced to a 12-month community order and 100 hours' unpaid work after pleading guilty at crown court.

As well as profiling Joshua, The Fight Of My Life also contains the boxer's own fascinating analysis on what was certainly the biggest test of his career so far and seen by many as a boxing classic.



Anthony Joshua: The Fight Of My Life, Wednesday, BBC1, 10.45pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

George Michael: Freedom Channel 4, 9pm

On Christmas day 2016, music fans around the world were shocked by the death of George Michael. From his days crafting pop classics for Wham! to his later career as respected solo singer-songwriter, he was one of the biggest name in British music. Now this documentary, which Michael finished working on less than two days before his death, explores his incredible life, focusing in particular on the period around the release of his album Listen Without Prejudice Vol 1. As well as featuring Michael talking about love, loss and his battle with the record label, there is also previously unseen footage and interviews with some of his famous friends and fans - including a quintet of supermodels who reunite to talk about their experiences of making the iconic video for Freedom! 90.

TUESDAY

Chris Packham: Asperger's and Me BBC2, 9pm

When the naturalist was a lad, autism was a mystery to some, and completely unknown to others. It certainly wasn't something that was discussed openly, either at home or in the media.

As a result, thousands on the autistic spectrum struggled through their childhoods and teenage years, attempting to make sense of a world they saw very differently to other people. Packham was in his 40s and already a famous face before he was diagnosed as having Asperger's syndrome, which causes him to struggle in social situations and find human relationships difficult. He candidly discusses his situation in this moving documentary, which also features testimony from his long-term partner, who describes him as sometimes being 'like an alien'. Packham also learns more about treatments, and ponders whether he would ever want to be cured.

WEDNESDAY

Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke Channel 4, 8pm

New series. George is joined by leading architects to help transform some of Britain's most unloved houses into desirable properties. In the first episode the team meet Simon and Lisa, who recently bought a building in rural Gloucestershire in such a shoddy state that neighbours

compared it to the house in Amityville Horror. George teams the couple up with creative architect Laura Clark, who attempts to turn this terrifying building into a warm and welcoming, modern home, whilst retaining some of its original character.

THURSDAY

Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine ITV, 9pm

Britain is the biggest user of cocaine in Europe – and it's rife in the restaurant trade. Gordon Ramsay has seen the drug wreck the careers of colleagues, including a protege who lost his life to an overdose in 2003. He now presents this two-part documentary exposing the truth about the drug. He travels to South and Central America to witness the illegal process by which cocaine is made, joins British police trying to catch drivers under the influence and sees the arrest of couriers on their way to a major deal.



Gordon Ramsay on Cocaine, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

FRIDAY

Travel Man: 48 Hours in Rome Channel 4, 8.30pm

Richard Ayode is back for a new series of trips – and he begins by joining Matt Lucas for a Roman holiday. With just 48 hours to experience the Eternal City, they begin by dropping their bags off at their ultra-hip hotel, and then head to Rome's oldest hat shop in search of headgear that will protect them from the blazing Italian sun. Then, they set about touring the city in vintage Fiat 500 cars, finishing on top of Gianicolo Hill in time for the cannon being fired as part of a daily ritual that has been taking place since the 1850s. On the second day they stray into the same territory as ITV2's Bromans as, following a guided tour of the Colosseum, they head to gladiator school to practise their sword skills.

QI BBC2, 10pm

The comedy quiz show returns, as Sandi Toksvig poses more perplexing questions to a selection of celebrity guests. As ever, the panellists will not necessarily be expected to deliver the correct answers, and Sandi will be handing out points to those who provide the 'most interesting' guesses. Challengers joining Alan Davies this week are Bill Bailey, Phill Jupitus and Claudia Winkleman.

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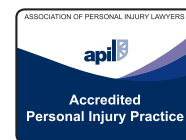
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Well-presented detached on sale with no chain

A well-presented three-bedroomed detached bungalow, 7 Plovers Rise in Rugeley, comes with ample driveway parking, a double garage and a front and rear garden.

It is for sale through JR Properties at £285,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a guest WC, a lounge, kitchen, master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms and a bathroom. In more detail the entrance hallway has Karndean flooring, a useful storage cupboard and an airing cupboard. The guest cloakroom has a WC and wash hand basin.

Being fitted with a range of wall and base mounted units with work surfaces over, the kitchen includes an integrated dishwasher, washing machine and a fridge freezer. It also has Karndean flooring and a window to the front. The lounge has a feature fire surround with an inset living flame gas fire on a marble hearth. It has windows to the side and rear and French doors opening out to the rear garden.

The master bedroom has built-in wardrobes and an en-suite featuring a double walk-in shower cubicle, WC, pedestal wash hand basin, half tiling and an extractor fan.

Bedroom two has built-in wardrobes, as does bedroom three.

The bathroom has a suite comprising of a panelled bath with a shower over and a screen, WC and a pedestal hand wash basin and half wall tiling.

Outside, the bungalow is accessed from wrought iron gates giving access to the rubber laid driveway providing parking for several vehicles and in turn leading to the detached double garage. The garage has roller shutter doors with light and power with a window to the side. The front garden has slate flower beds, a greenhouse and side gates giving access to the enclosed rear garden.

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18 VIEWFIELD AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



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- ◆ Gas fired central heating
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86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD



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12 JUBILEE CLOSE, GREAT WYRLEY



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- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
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- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed and intruder alarm
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15 BUCKTHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



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- ◆ Security phone system
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- ◆ Fitted kitchen
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- Lounge
- Kitchen
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- Bathroom
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7 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY



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- Bathroom
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- Fully double glazed
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APARTMENT 9 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE



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- Intercom access
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
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1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



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- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
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45 NORTON TERRACE, NORTON CANES



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6 THE NOOK, CHESLYN HAY



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Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen & utility area
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Built-on garage
- Gardens
- Sorry no Smokers, DSS or pets
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12 CHALFONT AVENUE, CANNOCK



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5 BROOME WALK, HANDSACRE



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- Bathroom
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5 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Allocated parking space & communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (80)

£575pcm

20 HAYMAKER WAY, WIMBLEBURY



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£695pcm

12 PRICE STREET, CANNOCK



REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM TERRACED HOUSE
Convenient For Town Centre And Train Station

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Landing
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£525pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area And Been Newly Decorated Throughout

- Lounge & dining area
- Kitchen
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (58)

£795pcm

324 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL APOINTEED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Integral garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£650pcm

9 WHITFIELD ROAD, HEDNESFORD



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- All windows double glazed
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: E (46)

£650pcm

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£1350pcm

FLAT 7 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE COURT, PENKRIDGE



WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Sought After Development Convenient For Penkridge Village Centre

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking space
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£550pcm

40 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



TWO BEDROOM END TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge/dining room
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens & off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (55)

£625pcm

23 HEATH WAY, HEATH HAYES



WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (77)

£525pcm

3 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION
Situating On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Entrance hall & cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Off fired central heating
- Double glazed
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (78)

£695pcm

11 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK



TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Conveniently Located For Local Facilities

- Reception hall
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Secure entry system
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

FIRST FLOOR FLAT, 34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD



ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Located In Hednesford Town Centre Convenient For Local Facilities And Public Transport

- Hall
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Part double glazed
- Parking to rear
- Sorry no smokers or pets allowed
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (21)

£350pcm

on the move



- WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK**
- One Bed Flat
 - Lounge, Kitchen
 - Bathroom, DG
 - Electric Heating
 - Parking
 - Energy Rating C
 - NO DSS / PETS

£425 pcm



- MORETON STREET, CANNOCK**
- 1 Bed GFF
 - Lounge/Dining room
 - Shower room
 - DG/GCH
 - Off Road Parking
 - £440 pcm

£440 pcm



- PARK STREET, BRIDGTOWN**
- 2 Bed GFF
 - Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
 - Electric Heating/DG
 - Off Road Parking
 - Communal
 - £490 pcm

£490 pcm



- CHAPEL SQUARE, CHESLYN HAY**
- 2 Bed End
 - Lounge, Kitchen
 - Bathroom, DG
 - Electric Heating
 - Courtyard
 - Energy Rating E
 - NO DSS/PETS

£530 pcm



- HARPERS COURT, HEATH HAYES**
- 2 Bed FF Flat
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen
 - GCH/DG
 - Off Road Parking
 - Energy Rating C
 - Sorry No DSS/Pets

£550 pcm



- PEREGRINE WAY, HEATH HAYES**
- Two Bed Flat
 - Lounge/Kitchen
 - Bathroom
 - GCH & DG
 - Garage, Parking
 - Energy Rating D
 - NO DSS / PETS
 - £600 pcm

£600 pcm



- WOODY BANK, CHESLYN HAY**
- 2 Bed Semi
 - Lounge
 - Conservatory
 - GCH/DG
 - Off Road Parking
 - Energy Rating D
 - No DSS/Pets

£650 pcm



- WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE**
- 3 Bed Detached
 - 2 Reception
 - Kitchen, GCH
 - DG, Bathroom
 - Garage
 - Energy Rating D
 - NO DSS / PETS
 - £700 pcm

£700 pcm



- HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK**
- 3 Bed End town House
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Conservatory
 - Guest WC
 - GCH/DG
 - Energy Rating D
 - No DSS/Pets

£675 pcm



- GORSE LANE, CANNOCK**
- Two Bed Semi
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen
 - Bathroom
 - GCH & DG
 - Gardens, Driveway
 - Energy Rating D
 - NO DSS OR PETS

£725 pcm



- OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK**
- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
 - Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
 - Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility
 - Spacious Master Bedroom with En-Suite
 - Four Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
 - Integral Garage, Detached Garage, Driveway, Front, Side & Rear Gardens

£365,000



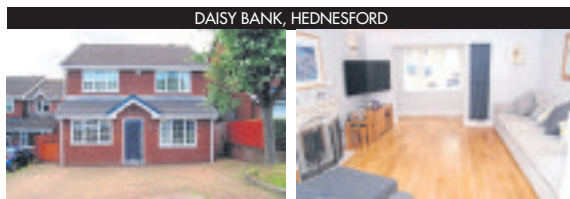
- FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKRIDGE**
- A Beautiful Traditional Semi Detached Family Home
 - Reception Porch and Hall, Guest WC
 - Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen/Diner
 - Sun Room, Hobby Room
 - Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
 - Beautiful Large Gardens
 - Garage and Large Driveway

£340,000



- SAREDON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY**
- An Newly Built Executive Detached House
 - Stylish Contemporary Design Throughout
 - Reception Hall, Guest WC
 - Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area
 - Four Double Bedrooms, En-Suite, Family Bathroom
 - Garage, Driveway & Gardens
 - NO CHAIN, SOLAR PANELS

£299,950



- DAISY BANK, HEDNESFORD**
- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Family Home
 - Lounge, Family Dining Room, Guest WC
 - Utility Room, Impressive Re-Fitted Kitchen
 - Study/ Bedroom Five
 - Four Bedrooms, En-Suite & Family Bathroom
 - Rear Garden, Driveway

£275,000



- KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY**
- A Well Presented Link Detached House
 - Lounge, Dining Room
 - Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
 - Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
 - Garage & Driveway
 - Front and Rear Gardens
 - Open Aspect to Side & Rear
 - No Upward Chain

£215,000



- CORSICAN DRIVE, HEDNESFORD**
- A Well Presented Detached Family Home Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot
 - Reception Hall, Guest WC
 - Lounge, Dining Room
 - Modern Kitchen, Conservatory
 - Three Bedrooms
 - En-Suite, Family Shower Room
 - Garage, Driveway & Gardens
 - NO CHAIN

£215,000



- WALSALL ROAD, CHURCHBRIDGE**
- An Extremely Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
 - Reception Hall/ Dining Room, Lounge
 - Modern Kitchen
 - Three Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
 - Front and Delightful Rear Gardens
 - Garage and Driveway

£210,000



- MYRTLE GLADE, CHURCHBRIDGE**
- An Extremely Well Presented Semi-Detached Family Home
 - Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
 - Impressive Kitchen/Diner
 - Three Bedrooms, En-suite
 - Family Bathroom
 - Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens
 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

OIRO £209,950



- CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES**
- Well Presented Detached Family Home
 - Family Lounge
 - Breakfast Kitchen
 - Three Bedrooms
 - Family Bathroom
 - Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
 - Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950



- HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD**
- Spacious Semi Detached
 - Lounge & Conservatory
 - Kitchen & Family Room
 - Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
 - Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
 - Master with Dressing Room/Shed
 - Driveway & Rear Garden

OFFERS OVER £185,000



- SHIRE CLOSE, CANNOCK**
- A Modern Extremely Well Presented Semi Detached House
 - Lounge, Impressive Kitchen-Diner
 - Three Bedrooms
 - Re-Fitted En-Suite
 - Family Bathroom
 - Delightful Rear Garden
 - Driveway

£189,950



- STONEY LEA ROAD, CANNOCK**
- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
 - Entrance Hall, Lounge-Diner
 - Kitchen
 - Three Good Sized Bedrooms
 - Spacious Family Bathroom
 - Low Maintenance Rear Garden
 - Garage & Driveway

£165,000



- BYRON PLACE, CANNOCK**
- Three Bed Detached
 - Lounge
 - Kitchen/Diner
 - Bathroom
 - GCH, DG
 - Gardens
 - Driveway
 - Garage

£155,000



- CLIFTON AVENUE, CANNOCK**
- Three Bed Mid
 - Breakfast Kitchen
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Bathroom, GCH, DG
 - Driveway & Garage
 - VIEWING ESSENTIAL
 - NO CHAIN

£144,950



- WESTMINSTER ROAD, CANNOCK**
- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
 - Spacious Lounge/Diner
 - Modern Kitchen, Side
 - Entrance/Utility Area
 - Two Double Bedrooms
 - Modern Bathroom
 - Driveway & Gardens

Offers over £120,000



- UNION STREET, BRIDGTOWN**
- Well presented ground floor apartment
 - Lounge/Diner, 2 Double bedrooms
 - Modern Kitchen
 - En-suite & Bathroom
 - Off road parking
 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

£105,998



- EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK**
- A Modern Well Presented Coach House Apartment
 - GCH & D/G
 - Entrance Hall, Lounge
 - Modern Kitchen, One Double Bedroom
 - Modern Bathroom
 - Parking, No Upward Chain

£95,000



- CANTERBURY DRIVE, RUGELEY**
- A Modern One Bed Ground Floor Maisonette
 - Open-Plan Lounge & Kitchen
 - Modern Bathroom
 - Allocated Parking
 - NO CHAIN

£89,950



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Croxley Drive
HEATH HAYES



Executive Four Bedroom Detached Family Home / Good Sized Corner Plot / Quiet Sought After Cul-De-Sac / Four Double Bedrooms / Double Garage / Good Sized Rear Garden

£359,995


Chester Road
RUGELEY



Outstanding executive detached family home / Large corner plot within a peaceful semi rural location / Delightful countryside views to the front / Originally a show home / Open plan family room ideal

£344,950

Wood Lane
CANNOCK



Impressive five bedroom detached dornier style house / Tastefully decorated throughout / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Large reception style conservatory / Detached garage / Drive for

£335,000


Daisy Bank
HEDNESFORD



Immaculately presented five bedroom detached house / Stunning ground floor extension to rear / Further kitchen space & generous living room with dining & sitting areas / Modern bathroom & en-suite

Offers in the Region Of £275,000


Thistledown Drive
HEATH HAYES



Well presented four bedroom detached house / Finished to high standard / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Open plan breakfast kitchen / Re-fitted en-suite / Private rear garden

£269,950

Band Way
HEDNESFORD



MUST BE VIEWED ●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●● Four bedroom detached house set within a quiet cul-de-sac / Driveway with parking for three-four vehicles / Large well appointed luxury bathroom

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Holly Lane
GREAT WYRLEY



Well presented and superbly maintained four bedroom semi detached house / Extended to both front & rear / Useful loft conversion offering storage space / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£220,000

Woodfield Drive
NORTON CANES



Two bedroom link detached bungalow / End of a quiet cul-de-sac / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge / Charming private rear garden / Garage and a driveway with parking for two-three vehicles

£220,000

Railway Street
NORTON CANES



Deceptively spacious and well presented three bedroom detached house / Undergone refurbishment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Very spacious open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Large rear

Offers in Excess Of £210,000

Eden Close
HEATH HAYES



Well presented four bedroom detached house / Set on good sized corner plot / Situated within quiet cul-de-sac location / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Off road parking for three vehicles

Offers in Excess of £200,000

Fisher Street
HEDNESFORD



Two bedroom semi detached bungalow / APPROVED PLANNING PERMISSION / Spacious lounge / Double bedrooms / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Driveway with ample parking

£187,000

The Lindens
RUGELEY



Well presented three bedroom town house / Situated quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Set over three stores / Modern open plan dining kitchen / Top floor master

Offers in Excess of £185,000

Fieldhouse Road
HEDNESFORD



Traditional three bedroom semi detached house / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Good sized bedrooms / Charming private rear garden with a superb games room/bar

£159,995

Shaftesbury Drive
HEDNESFORD



Extended three bedroom semi-detached house / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Victorian conservatory / Views of Hednesford Hills to the rear

£150,000

Belt Road
HEDNESFORD



Superbly maintained & well presented two bedroom semi detached house / ●●●●NO ONWARD CHAIN●●●● Two car driveway / Large private rear garden / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Spacious

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Green Heath Road
HEDNESFORD



Two bedroom traditional terraced house / Spacious lounge and open plan dining kitchen / Two double bedrooms / Private rear garden / Rear driveway with parking for three vehicles / Potential for a loft

£140,000

Cross Street
CHESLYN HAY



Immaculately presented two bedroom duplex apartment / Delightful 19th century building / Sympathetically renovated and developed / Two allocated parking spaces and a large garage.

£137,500

Glovers Hill Court
BRERETON



Immaculately presented two bedroom top floor apartment / Superb open plan living area / Modern fitted kitchen and bathroom / Off road allocated parking and visitor spaces

Offers in the Region Of £110,000

Old School Mews
BRERETON



Character one bedroom semi-detached mews property / Allocated parking space to the rear / Feature log burner in the open plan lounge diner / NO ONWARD CHAIN

£100,000

Uxbridge Street
HEDNESFORD



Two bedroom mid terraced property / Dining room & kitchen / Small rear courtyard with shed & fenced borders

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Greenslade Grove
HEDNESFORD



Well presented two bedroom first floor maisonette set in a peaceful location / Refurbished throughout / Off road allocated parking / New fitted modern kitchen

Offers in Excess of £90,000

Heather Road
HEDNESFORD



Self contained one bedroom first floor maisonette / Superb location on the fringe of Cannock Chase, an area of outstanding natural beauty / Spacious lounge / Double bedroom / Private rear garden

£75,000

Sandpiper Close
HEDNESFORD



One bedroom ground floor maisonette / Quiet cul-de-sac / Modern fitted kitchen / Modern fitted kitchen / Allocated parking space

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Littlehay Manor, Colton £299,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this modern three bedroom semi detached family home, situated on a quiet private road within the sought after village of Colton. Having open aspect to rear and well maintained throughout. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Family Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Master

Ford Way, Armitage £160,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this semi detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway providing parking for several vehicles to Detached Garage and Garden to rear.

The Lindens, Rugeley £225,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three storey, four bedroom family home. Offering flexible accommodation and having Entrance Hallway, Guest W.C., Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom and Further Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite. Gardens to

Brereton Road, Rugeley £139,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this two bedroom town house, in town centre location and being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to rear.

Coalway Road, Brereton £167,995

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this semi detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway providing parking for several vehicles to Detached Garage and Garden to rear.

Keystone Lane, Rugeley £179,995

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this traditional three bedroom semi detached home, situated in town centre and available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Lean to with w.c. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and driveway providing

Walnut Court, Brereton £169,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

The Lindens, Rugeley £185,000 OIEO

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom, three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c., Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

Thorn Close, Rugeley £229,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home, situated in a cul de sac WITH NO CHAIN. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Bedroom Four, Dining Room, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden

Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill £184,950

NO CHAIN



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented detached bungalow in a popular location. Having the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN the property features hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, refitted shower room, detached garage and well maintained gardens. Viewing essential

New Road, Armitage £179,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom end of terraced home, within the sought after village of Armitage. Having Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Inner lobby and Guest W.C. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for off road parking and Garden to rear.

Priory Avenue, Hawksyard £174,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, being situated on the popular Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to

Oakenhurst Av, Hawksyard £167,950

NEW PRICE



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom end terraced townhouse, on the sought after Hawksyard Development. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two Further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with

Woodheyas Lawns, Etching £154,950

MUST BE VIEWED



● JR Properties are pleased to market this three/ four bedroom family home, in a sought after location, close to local amenities. Having Hallway, Bedroom Four, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway and Garden to rear

Penkridge Bank Rd, S.Mill £434,995

NEW PRICE



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this well presented and spacious dormer detached bungalow in a semi rural location on the edge of Cannock Chase. Barton Lodge as the property is known has been updated and improved overtime by the current vendors and offers flexible accommodation with three bedrooms, two

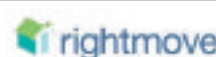
Beechmere Rise, Etching Hill £415,000

NEW PRICE



● JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this well presented detached family home, having superb views of Etchinghill and located in a quiet cul de sac. Having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Conservatory, Inner Hall to Bathroom and Four Bedrooms. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two

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- Approx. 38 Acres of Permanent Pasture Land
- Traditional Brick and Tile Barn
- Brook Frontage

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF
£265,000

PASTURE LAND AT MOAT FARM LANE, ULLENHALL



- 3,385 Acres Permanent Pasture Land
- Small Pond
- Well Defined Boundaries

GUIDE PRICE
£40,000

CHAPEL GATE LODGE, CHAPEL LANE, ULLENHALL



- Static home in rural setting
- Living room with dining area
- Two bedrooms & bathroom
- Small garden with lovely countryside views
- EPC Rating D



GUIDE PRICE **£225,000**

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Kenmore Avenue, Hednesford

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Bideford Way, Cannock

- Detached house
- Five Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Open plan living
- Large driveway
- Large L-shaped garden
- Popular residential area
- No chain

£290,000



Turquoise Grove, Heath Hayes

- FOUR BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE & BATHROOM
- CUL DE SAC LOCATION
- GARAGE
- LOUNGE & DINING ROOM
- FRONT & REAR GARDEN
- CONSERVATORY
- MODERN KITCHEN

£265,000



Price Street, Cannock

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- STUNNING OPEN PLAN KITCHEN
- WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DRIVEWAY & GARDENS
- MUST BE VIEWED

£155,000



Rowan Road, Shoal Hill

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN / DINER
- STUDY & DOWNSTAIRS WC
- DESIRABLE ROAD
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN

210,000



Hatton Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location

£249,950



Wallace Close, Norton Canes

- THREE BED DETACHED
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- DUAL ASPECT LOUNGE / DINER
- CONSERVATORY
- GARAGE
- FITTED KITCHEN

£170,000



Burgoyne Street Site, Hedgesford

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Tower View Road, Great Wyrley

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- SPACIOUS LOUNGE / DINER
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- IDEAL BUY TO LET RENTAL (RENT £475)
- LONG LEASE

£75,000



Woodford End, Chads Moor

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- Ground Floor
- Communal Parking
- EPC - C

£59,950



Coppice Court, Walsall Wood

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- Open plan kitchen / Lounge
- One double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating
- Gated parking
- £450pcm Sorry no dss and no pets



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- Double bedrooms
- Shower rooms
- Town centre location
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- First floor apartment
- Recently refurbished
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Parking
- Available now
- £590pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Lucas Rise, Great Wyrley

- Modern detached property
- Kitchen / Diner
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Garage & Driveway
- Available soon
- £925pcm Sorry no DSS & no pets



Whinchat Drive, Heath Hayes

- Semi Detached house
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Four bedrooms
- Driveway and garage
- Available now
- £950pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



Harpers Court, Heath Hayes

- First Floor Apartment
- Reception Hall
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms
- £550pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

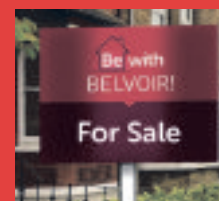


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- Terrace layout

£90,000



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- No upward chain
- Good rental yield
- Perfect first purchase
- Enclosed rear garden

£100,000



Harper Street,

- No upward chain
- Ideal access to M6 and M54
- Two bedrooms
- Enclosed rear garden
- Walking distance to town
- Ideal investment

£100,000



Hawthorn Road,

- No upward chain
- Three bedrooms
- Semi-detached
- Enclosed rear garden
- Priced to sell
- Perfect first time purchase

£120,000



Winchester Road,

- In need of refurbishment
- No upward chain
- Enclosed rear garden
- Enclosed rear garden
- Three bedrooms
- Semi-detached
- Off road parking

£125,000



Viaduct Drive,

- No upward chain
- Spacious layout
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking
- Cul de sac location
- Ideal access to Wolverhampton Centre

£130,000



Devon Road,

- No upward chain
- Modern property
- Terrace layout
- Three floors
- Perfect family home
- Close to Wolverhampton Centre

£145,000



Crowther Road,

- No upward chain
- Three bedrooms
- Popular location
- Ideal first time purchase
- Reliable investment
- Enclosed rear garden

£150,000



Walpole Street,

- Motivated seller
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- Semi-detached
- Large rear garden
- Spacious internal layout
- Ideal family home

£160,000



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Let Agreed

- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Family bathroom

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Carshalton Grove
• Driveway
• Rear garden

Let Agreed

- Fitted bathroom
- Separate living area

£575 PCM

Ardgowan Grove
• Secure communal entrance
• Off road secure parking

Let Agreed

- Good sized two bedrooms
- Great transport links

£525 PCM

Milton Road
• Popular location

Let Agreed

- Great local amenities
- Generous sized bedrooms

£575 PCM

Grasmere Close
• New style bungalow
• Off road parking

Let Agreed

- Rear landscaped garden
- Great transport links

£625 PCM

Cross Street
• Town centre location

Let Agreed

- Family bathroom
- Separate lounge

£325 PCM

Cophall Street
• Off road parking

Let Agreed

- Rear garden
- Generous sized reception room

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Fledborough Drive
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- Family Bathroom.
- Driveway
- Landscaped Gardens.

£194,950

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
STATION ROAD






- Wow Individual Build
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room, WC
- 4 Bedrooms
- Rear Gardens
- Driveway, Garage
- Viewing Recommended

£350,000

HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE






- Detached Family
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Kitchen, WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Shower Room
- Private Driveway
- Integral Garage
- No Chain

£205,000

NEW

CHESLYN HAY
ROSEWOOD PARK






- Executive Detached
- Sought After Location
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Gallied landing
- 5 Bedrooms
- EnSuite Shower Room
- Double Garage
- NO CHAIN

£435,000

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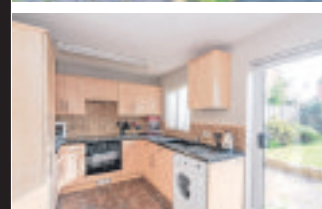
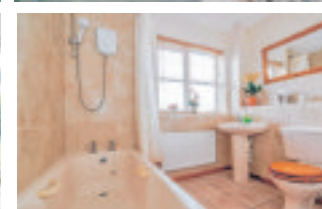





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- Detached House

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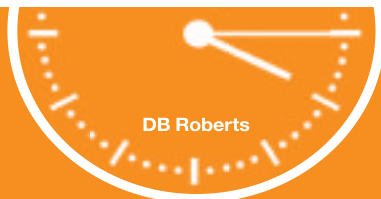
CHESLYN HAY
LANDWOOD GREEN

- Modern Town House
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- No Chain

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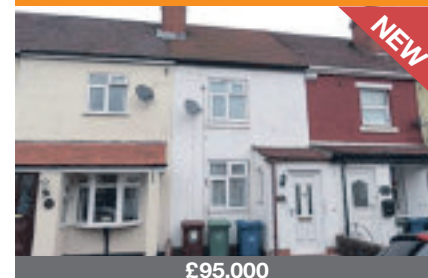
NEW

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Contemporary Styling and Immaculate Presentation
- Open Plan Living Area
- Loft Storage Space
- 987 Years Left On The Lease
- Allocated Parking with Gated Access
- EPC = TBC



£117,500

Cemetery Road Cannock



NEW

- Traditional Mid Terraced House • Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen • Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden • EPC = D

£95,000

New Street Bridgtown

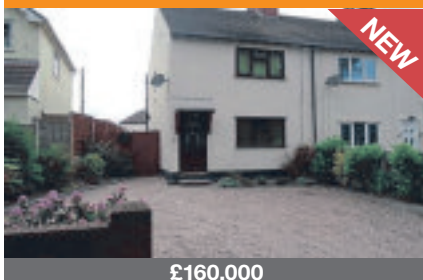


NEW

- Traditional End Terrace • Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen Diner • Pool House & Workshop
- Off Road Parking • EPC = D

£132,500

Wolverhampton Road Wedges Mills



NEW

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached House • Downstairs WC
- Conservatory • Driveway for Off Street Parking
- No Upward Chain • EPC = F

£160,000

Harebell Close Heath Hayes



NEW

- Four Bedrooms
- Link Detached House
- En Suite To The Master
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- Garden To The Rear
- Integral Garage & Driveway
- Sought After Area
- EPC = TBC



£205,000

Brownhills Road Norton Canes



NEW

- Four Bed Spacious Detached House • Three Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen & Conservatory • Bathroom & Two En Suites
- Integral Garage & Off Road Parking • EPC = B

£319,500

Knighton Road Cannock



NEW

- Link Detached House • Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms • Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway • EPC = D

£215,000

Swan Close Cheslyn Hay



NEW PRICE

- Detached Four Bedroom Home • Two Reception Rooms
- En Suite to Master • Driveway for off Street Parking
- Rear Garden • EPC = C

£259,000

Mountain Pine Close Hednesford



NEW PRICE

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- Three Reception Rooms • Bathroom & En Suite to Master
- Gardens to Front and Rear • EPC = D

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- POPULAR LOCATION

E225,000

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- KITCHEN
- LOUNGE
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- LOUNGE
- DINING ROOM
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- TOWNHOUSE
- OFF ROAD PARKING
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- DOUBLE GLAZED
- DESIRABLE LOCATION
- THREE STOREY
- KITCHEN

Offers in the region of E175,000

Redbrook Lane, Rugeley

- THREE BEDROOMS
- DRIVEWAY
- LOUNGE/DINER
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
- GARDENS
- NO CHAIN
- D. GLAZING

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- LOUNGE
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- BATHROOM
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- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Full Refurb Needed
- Biddulph Park Location

E30,000

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- Designated Car Parking
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Allocated Parking
Long Lease
EPC C

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Kitchen

Lounge
Off Road Parking
EPC D

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Three Bedrooms
Large Kitchen / Diner

Utility
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Kitchen / Diner

Rear Garden
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Kitchen

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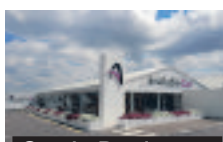
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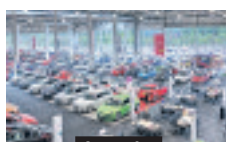
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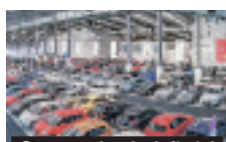
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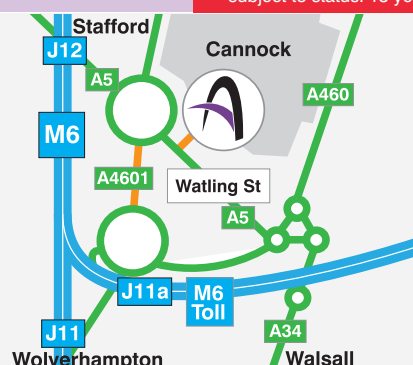


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The XC40 is Volvo's first entry in the small SUV segment, broadening the appeal of the brand

Order books now open for Volvo's new XC40

By Anthony Martyn

Volvo has pulled the covers off its new XC40 compact SUV and confirmed that it will cost from £27,905 in the UK.

It is the first car to be based on the Swedish manufacturer's new Compact Modular Architecture platform, which will be used on all future vehicles in the 40 series, including fully electric models.

"The XC40 is our first entry in the small SUV segment, broadening the appeal of the Volvo brand and moving it in a new direction," said Håkan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Cars.

"It represents a fresh, creative and distinctive new member of the Volvo line-up. So it only feels natural to reveal the XC40 here in Milan, a buzzing European hotspot for fashion, art, design and lifestyle."

The XC40 will be available with a choice of three petrol and two diesel engines – all of which are 2.0-litre, four-cylinder units – with power ranging from 148bhp to 250bhp.

Samuelsson added: "The diesel engines we are now launching comply with the very latest standards. They are much better than the old diesels, but these will be



Three petrol and two diesel engines are offered

the last set of diesel engines we develop. After this they will all be hybrids with petrol.

"New models after 2019 will only get all-electric or petrol hybrid. We want to be clear we won't be developing another generation of diesels after this one."

Customers will be able to choose between three different levels of specification. Momentum is the entry-level offering, while R-Design and Inscription trims are tailored more towards sportiness and luxury respectively. Standard equipment is generous, with Momentum models benefiting from features such as Volvo's nine-inch Sensus touchscreen infotainment system, which includes voice control and satellite navigation, and is also available with real-time traffic information and apps such as Spotify, TuneIn and Google Local Search.

Volvo has placed a strong emphasis on standard safety equipment too. Automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection is included on all models, as well as oncoming lane mitigation, which warns you if you move out of your lane and can control the steering to guide you back into the correct lane.

R-Design specification, which costs from £29,755, adds 18-inch alloys, contrasting black paint on the roof, lower bumper sections and door mirrors, and sports suspension.

Inscription models benefit from leather-faced upholstery, a powered tailgate, front parking sensors and chrome exterior highlights to name but a few upgrades. Prices for XC40s in this specification start at £30,405.

All models are available in Pro form, which improves standard equipment yet again. Momentum Pro adds a powered driver's seat, heated front seats and active headlights. R-Design Pro adds 20-inch wheels, while Inscription Pro adds 19-inch wheels and a powered passenger seat

The first XC40s to arrive in the UK will be limited-run First Edition models, which will cost from £39,305. These cars are based on R-Design Pro specification, but add the Xenium pack – which includes a panoramic glass sunroof and 360-degree parking camera – and heated rear seats among other features.

Volvo offers its Pilot Assist semi-autonomous drive feature as an option across the XC40 range. This can help control the steering to keep the car in-lane at speeds of up to 80mph, and can also assist with acceleration and braking.

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Kia's Rio impresses on a Scottish trip

By Sharon Walters

Well I didn't fly down to anywhere in the Kia Rio but I more than comfortably tackled a 412 mile trip up (and 412 back!) to Scotland.

The new fourth-generation Kia Rio entered an incredibly tough market segment earlier this year with the Korean manufacturer having very high hopes for its best-selling car globally. So far figures look good and my road test proved to me that it certainly has the potential to fulfil those hopes.

There's a range of high-tech engines, good fuel efficiency and emissions, plus good looks and generous standard specification. There are a total of 10 versions in three trim grades - badged in the familiar Kia way for simplicity in 1, 2 and 3.

Starting at grade 1 and around £10,345, you get a lot more than standard spec in some of the opposition, including air conditioning, front electric windows with auto function on the driver's side, remote locking, electrically adjustable heated door mirrors, a 3.8-inch display screen, Bluetooth, auto light control, LED daytime running lights and a whole lot more. There are body-coloured bumpers, door mirror casings, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and on the safety side



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Additional features on Grade 3, which starts at £16,295, include 16-inch alloy wheels, automatic air conditioning with a defogging system, black faux leather upholstery, a 7-inch display screen, heated front seats, rain-sensing front wipers, satellite navigation, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay connectivity and Bluetooth with voice recognition.

Finally, the limited First Edition version at £17,455 adds 17-inch alloys, a smart key entry system and engine start/stop button, stainless steel pedals, black and red faux leather upholstery and LED rear lights. And that was the one I took on my latest Scottish adventure. The 1.0 T-GDi First Edition Eco completely surprised me in many ways. From build quality to interior finish and the way that punch and responsive little engine coped with motorway cruising for many miles. Official figures claim just over 60mpg for a combined cycle and while they may be achievable in almost laboratory conditions, in real-life driving they are high on impossible. However I managed to achieve 56mpg covering 100 miles of A and B roads, 200 on the motorway, followed by 100 round the edge of Loch Lomond and up over the arduous Rannoch Moor. Now that's a very good result.

Plus the ride is very comfortable and with a supportive seat I didn't end up with an aching back after all those miles. There's plenty of space inside for passengers and a good-sized boot for carrying all my paraphernalia for a long weekend away walking.

The new Rio is the first car in its class with Autonomous Emergency Braking as part of Kia's advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS). It also features a Lane Departure Warning system. Both are standard from grade 2 upwards and optional with grade 1. And, in an increasingly connected world, the Rio now offers Kia Connected Services powered by TomTom. And I love the latter. The information available to drivers includes live traffic updates, weather reports, speed camera locations and local point-of-interest searches. And it is all so easy to use. Much more expensive cars often leave me frustrated at their less than instinctive systems.

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The Power to Surprise

Makeover for Kuga with style changes and new technology

By John Griffiths

Ford's top-selling SUV, the Kuga, has had a makeover with some sharper styling and new technology.

This 2017 Kuga has a new look, an addition (and more economical) engine option, and Ford's new Sync 3 infotainment system with a wide range of vehicle and connectivity functions.

Prices start from £21,895 for the 1.5 EcoBoost turbocharged petrol engine in popular Zetec trim.

The new engine is also of 1.5 litres capacity – this time a turbo diesel with 118bhp and 270Nm of torque. Priced from £27,995, it could prove popular with fleet buyers because of its potential 64.2mpg (official figure) and low CO2 emissions of 115g/km.

The test car was in mid-range ST-Line trim – with its sports-themed styling available on a Kuga for the first time – and was powered by the 148bhp, 2.0 litre diesel costing £28,745 in standard form. Only the front wheels were driven – all-wheel drive comes in combination with the more powerful 177bhp version of the same engine.

Painted in shadow black (a £545 extra 'premium' colour) the Kuga had the essentials which have made the SUV market the fastest growing sector: sturdy looks, and a high seating position for easy access and great looks. Inside it seats five in comfort and exudes a quality feel, with quality upholstery and a subtle mix of piano black and chrome trim.



There is an eight-inch colour touchscreen

The sports-themed continues with unique alloy wheels, sports seats, black roof rails and sports suspension. The suspension is optimised for dynamic control, making the car feel amongst the most agile of mid-sized SUVs, but it can also feel firm on some surfaces.

The test car's 2.0 litre, 148bhp turbo diesel hustles the car from a standstill to 62mph in a brisk 10.1 seconds, and based on official figures its average fuel consumption is 60.1mpg and its CO2 rating is 122mpg.

On the outside, this latest Kuga has revamped from end, grille and daytime running lights, with a reshaped tailgate and lamps, but it's in the cabin where the major upgrades have taken place.

More intuitive controls for the dual zone air conditioning and on the steering wheel, plus an electronic parking brake (which automatic releases as you start to drive). The button-operated system frees up more storage space in the centre console.

Other standard features include enhanced parking assist, with sensors front and rear; Ford's semi-autonomous 'self-parking' system, is an option.

Electric windows, automatic headlights, rain-sensing wipers, adaptive cruise control and speed limiter, power folding mirrors and Ford's excellent Quickclear heated windscreen are also on the ST-Line's standard kit list.

Ford's intelligent protection system, with multi airbags and electronic systems including features such as stability control, an enhanced city brake system and lane departure warning, are also part of the package.

Atop the centre console is an eight-inch colour touchscreen, from which you can control various vehicle functions plus the satnav and audio systems.

It is also the heart of the Sync 3 system, with emergency assistance, USB connectivity, Bluetooth, audible text messaging and voice control. You can also link to, and mirror, your smartphone apps.

For parents a handy feature might be the 'MyKey' system which allows them to, for example, programme a key for younger drivers to restrict top speed, or to reduce the maximum audio volume.

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Porsche 911 Carrera from car expert up for auction

A 1974 Porsche 911 Carrera 2.7 MFI owned by one of the most respected Porsche specialists in the Midlands will be offered at auction by Silverstone Auctions at its annual Porsche Sale at Silverstone circuit on October 21.

The original, duck-tailed, right-hand drive 2.7 Carrera MFI, one of only 1,011 examples made in 1974, was bought by David Pattison of PCT Porsche Specialists in 1982, having been originally supplied to the UK through Malaya garage in Sussex in January 1974.

Mr Pattison is the 'P' in PCT Cars, formed along with Simon Corbett and Nick Taylor in 1984. The three are famed throughout the Midlands for their knowledge and expertise of the Porsche marque, having originally met at Newton Garage which in the 1950s became only the second official Porsche agent in the UK.

G series MFIs such as this example are considered hugely desirable by enthusiasts thanks to the Bosch mechanical fuel injected 2.7 litre engines that were noted for their instant throttle response and thrilling sound. This raw, pure driving experience was muted in later models with the arrival of computer-controlled injection systems.

Previously owned by Nick Faure, a noted Porsche racer and factory driver of the day, the Porsche had covered just 59,960 miles from new when it



Lively bidding is expected on auction day

changed hands, making Mr Pattison the car's third owner.

During his ownership of 35 years, Mr Pattison cherished and maintained the car himself at PCT. Today it remains completely faithful to the original factory specification. Having enjoyed exceptional maintenance and care throughout its life, this matching numbers 911 has now covered a total of 121,939 miles.

It will be offered for public sale for the first time in its life when it goes to auction with a sale estimate of £100,000 to £120,000.

"This is an exceptional example of an early 911 Carrera 2.7 MFI. It ticks all the boxes for interested buyers, with known provenance from new,

a cosseted life and the very best of maintenance from one of the most highly regarded Porsche specialists" comments Nick Whale, managing director of Silverstone Auctions.

The car with its certificate of authenticity, original log books, a file of invoices, MoT certificates, owner's manual, original sales brochures, a copy of the original press release for the 1974 911, and an MoT up to March 2018.

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The company, based in Rostech, Staffordshire, has taken first deliveries this week in an order for 13 Toyota Hilux Double Cab models. They will be used at JCB's quarries and to transport machinery around the country, supporting JCB's agricultural team.

JCB manufactures a range of more than 350 different machines that cater for different industries, sold in 150 countries across the globe through a network of more than 770 dealer locations. JCB chose Hilux after putting it to the test in a six-week trial to evaluate its capabilities. Compared to the performance of rival pick-ups, it was found to be the best vehicle to meet the high demands of the job.

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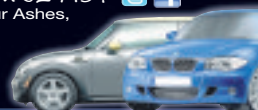
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More powerful engine and lighter hot hatch

By James Parker

Suzuki's new Swift Sport will thrill when it arrives in the UK soon.

The Japanese hot hatch features a more powerful engine and has a reduced overall weight.

Under the bonnet is Suzuki's 1.4-litre Boosterjet petrol engine, which also sees action in the Vitara S, developing 138bhp and 230Nm of torque in the Swift.

This is equipped with a six-speed manual gearbox, taken straight from the previous Swift Sport.

Thanks to the Swift's "Heartect" platform and design enhancements of some of the car's components, the hot hatch weighs 970kg — 80kg lighter than the outgoing car.

As is typical for the Sport, more aggressive styling features. Muscular bumpers are present, as well as a rear wing and dual exhaust tips, while 17-inch wheels complete the look.

Seven colours are available for the car — including Champion Yellow, which mimics the base colour of Suzuki's recent factory rally cars.

Inside the car are bucket seats for the driver and passenger, as well as a flat-base steering wheel, a boost gauge and aluminium-look pedals.

As for equipment, the Swift Sport features a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Bluetooth



There's a rear wing and dual exhaust tips

connectivity, as well as support for Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

Masao Kobori, Suzuki chief engineer, said: "We know that our customers value a dynamic driving experience above everything else, so we've made the new Swift Sport lighter, faster and more stimulating in every way."

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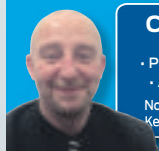


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nee Twelvetree

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aged 97 years.

Beloved Mum to Andrew and
Elizabeth, devoted Granny to
David, Matthew and Kate
and Great-Granny to Alex,
William and Harry.

The Funeral Service is to be
held on Monday, October 16,
at Sutton Crematorium at
2pm.

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Society.

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HAWKINS

John Henry

Passed away peacefully on
Wednesday, October 4, 2017,
aged 91 years.

John was much loved and will
be missed dearly by all of his
Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take
place on Monday, October 23,
2017, at St Aidan's Church,
Cannock at 10am. Followed
by a Committal at Stafford
Crematorium.

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Dennis

Taken suddenly September
16, aged 83 years.

Husband

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morning, when the Lord came
and took you away from me.
I still love you so much Den,
will love you always.

Your loving Wife Freda.

X X X

Dad

Miss you Dad so much, love
you always.

Sadly missed.

Daughter Dee, Alan and
Family.

X X

Dad

My Dad, best friend, greatly
missed.

Always in our hearts.

Son Kevin, Carol and Sophie.

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Dad

No one to trouble or make a
fuss. You asked for nothing
from any of us.

God called you to Him and we
had to part.

Leaving us lonely and with a
broken heart.

Love you Dad, Daughter
Jayne, Dave, Ness and Becky.

X X

Dad

Gone but not forgotten.

Love you Dad.

Daughter Shaz, Steve and
Family.

X X

Dad

You will always be in our
thoughts.

Love you loads.

Good night for now.

Daughter Louise, Glen, Kay
and Paige.

X X X

LAWTON

Dennis

Passed away September 16,
2017 aged 83 years.

Brother and Uncle, we love
you so much and it's so hard to
let you go.

How we miss you no one will
ever know.

Loving Brother Tommy and
Family.

LAWTON Dennis

No farewells were spoken, no
time to say good-bye,
You were gone before we
knew it only only God knows
why.

Love always Ivy.
X X X

LAWTON Dennis

Beloved Brother

Dennis, the memories of your
life will always live on.
With the sparkle in you eyes,
and a smile on your face.

We will miss that hug you
always gave.

Rest in Heaven dearest
Brother until we meet again.

Love you so much Den.

Your loving Sister Brenda
and all the Family.

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JONES

Barbara

nee Partington

Formerly of Heath Street,
Hednesford.

Passed away peacefully on
September 30, 2017, aged
81 years.

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Daughter Sarah and Son-in-
law Mark.

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held on Wednesday, October
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Janet May

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JONES

Stuart Graham

15.10.12

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Daughter Christine, Geoff,
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Abigail.

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Winifred

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Daley launches hunt for the next big thing

FORMER Villa, Wolves and England winger Tony Daley is hoping to help uncover the next generation of future stars – after launching his own football coaching programme.

Daley, who also played for Walsall, has joined forces with his lifelong friend Dave Barnett – who was released by Wolves as a youngster and played for Blues and Barnet among others – to set up Pro Level Performance (PLP), a 30-week programme (one day a week for two hours). Based in Aston, it will focus on the mental side of the game as much as the physical. Capped seven times by England, Dale left Wolves this summer after a decade at the club working on fitness and sport science. He said: “We have a wealth of experience to nurture the youth of today – this is a bespoke programme for aspiring young players. At my school there were five or six lads who were better footballers than me but the mental side is just as important, hence our motto ‘skill is not enough’.”

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Wheels in Motion on new league deal

THE region’s non-league football scene has received a significant boost thanks to a sponsorship deal from a vehicle management company.

The Midland Football League, which boasts 76 clubs across four divisions, will be branded the Total Motion Midland Football League thanks to an initial five-figure sum. The leasing company hopes to invest up to £250,000 across a five-year partnership, launched at the Banks’s Stadium.

The idea, according to managing director and co-founder Simon Hill, is for clubs to profit and earn a portion of the five-figure sum stumped up yearly by Total Motion.

The incentives plan mean clubs can earn bonuses the more they utilise Total Motion’s services by leasing vehicles. The company will offer £25 per vehicle rented, a figure the league will match. There is also a £1,000 end-of-season prize on offer for the club that comes out on top of a Total Motion ‘league table’ created by Total Motion, while a special £5,000 bonus is available for clubs that lease 250 vehicles in one financial year.

Spill puts dampener on Wigley race hopes

HEDNESFORD’S Kurt Wigley returned to the renowned fast track of Assen, in the Netherlands, for the first time in six years as the British Superbikes series moved overseas.

Taking part in the British Supersport championships, the 21-year-old admitted it took a while to get to grips with the track, hitting a damp patch and going over the handlebars during qualifying, damaging the bike as well as injuring a thumb.

The team had about three hours to rebuild the bike for the first race and had the Sorrymate.com Yamaha on the start line just in time.

Starting 10th on the grid, Wigley was up to sixth by the end of the first lap but still struggling with his injury. He suffered another crash coming out of the hairpin and high-sided.

“The rules are if you crash you’re out of the race,” he said. “It meant I started the next race in 15th but it was a much better race and I managed to catch the top 10, finishing in ninth.”

Rugby coach tackling the scientists head-on

SPORTING FEATURE

By Mark Andrews

“The health crisis facing Britain’s children is not concussion, but obesity and lack of exercise.”

the position of flanker where his head is particularly vulnerable.

“I would imagine the risk of leg breaks in football is far greater,” he says, although he does add that head injuries can be much more serious.

He points out that much has changed in the way rugby is taught to youngsters in recent years.

“You now have age range rugby, where different rules are gradually brought in for different age groups,” he says. “That’s only come in over the last four years.”

Prof Pollock, a public health doctor who has been researching rugby injuries for more than 10 years, and Prof Kirkwood, a former NHS nurse, say that removing collisions from school rugby would “reduce and mitigate the risk of injury” in pupils.

They warn that a history of concussion could “lower a person’s life chances” across a number of measures including educational achievement and life expectancy. They also say that head injuries could increase the risk of dementia.

Mr Bradburn agrees more could be done to make junior rugby safer, but says banning tackles is not the way to go about it.

He says a better idea would be to classify youngsters by their weight rather than age, as is done in New Zealand. At the moment we have the situation of under-12s rugby, where you might have a boy who has gone through puberty, and one who hasn’t,” he says. “You get a boy weighing 60kg going up against one who is 20kg. At that stage it is more about maturation and puberty than it is simply about age,” he adds. Citing previous

research into sports injuries in youngsters, Profs Pollock and Kirkwood say that rugby, along with ice hockey and American football, have the highest concussion rates. They say rule changes can make a difference, highlighting the Canadian ban on deliberate contact in ice hockey for under-13s.

But Mr Bradburn, who has been teaching rugby for 14 years, says the game is no different from any other contact sport. He says the important thing is to ensure that it is taught properly, and that staff are trained in dealing with any knocks that might be picked up.

He is not the only one who is sceptical. In 2016, the nation’s most senior medics rejected a call for a ban on tackling in youth rugby.

Prof Tara Spire-Jones, of the University of Edinburgh, says while people should be careful playing sports where there is a risk of head injury, the scientific evidence isn’t strong enough to justify drastic rule changes.

Benefits

“The data on specifically whether playing rugby or other contact sports in school increases your risk of dementia are not as robust yet due to a lack of large prospective studies,” she says.

There are also many who argue that the health benefits of getting youngsters involved with sport outweigh any risks from concussion.

Pollock and Kirkwood say that under United Nations conventions, governments have a duty to protect children from risks of injury. But brain injury expert Dr Alan Carson believes experts should think very hard before bringing in rules which could mean fewer children want to take part in sport.

“The health crisis facing Britain’s children is not concussion, but obesity and lack of exercise,” he says.

Mr Jefferies says that taking tackling out of the junior game would deny youngsters the opportunity to get some much-needed exercise.

“We have got 300 kids in our junior teams, and when you have boys that age there is a lot of testosterone,” he says.

“At the age of 11 and 12, they need to run around and be active. From the age of nine, when they are told they can tackle, all they want to do is tackle. It just smacks of the nanny state.”



Phil Jeffries believes it would be more dangerous



Prof Allyson Pollock: Government has a “duty of care”



Dominic Bradburn says a ban would ruin the game

IN Tom Brown’s School Days, the protagonist observed: “It’s very odd how almost all English boys love danger; you can get ten to join a game, or climb a tree, or swim a stream, when there’s a chance of breaking their limbs or getting drowned.”

It is fair to say Tom’s adventures with Scud, George and Flashman would have been very different had their teachers heeded the latest advice from experts at Newcastle University.

Writing for the British Medical Journal, Prof Allyson Pollock and Graham Kirkwood have called for scrums and tackles to be banned from school playing fields, arguing that most injuries in youth rugby are caused by collisions during the game.

Calling for the Government to step in, Professors Pollock and Kirkwood say ministers should “put the interests of the child before those of corporate professional rugby unions”.

But Dominic Bradburn, director of sport at Oswestry School, is unconvinced.

Dangers

“You can’t take tackling out of the game, it would ruin it,” says Mr Bradburn, who has played the sport for Shrewsbury RFC.

Phil Jefferies, who coaches youngsters at Bridgnorth Rugby Club, says that taking tackling out of the junior game could actually make it more dangerous when children get older. “I think there’s always merit in re-looking at sport and understanding the dangers involved,” he says.

“My personal view is that what we need to do is to teach kids the correct techniques to scrummage and tackle, and give them the experience of this at a slower rate when they are small.

“If you take the tackling and scrummaging out of the game at school level, by the time they reach the age of 18 they will have no experience of it, and I think you will get a lot more injuries than you do now.”

Mr Jefferies, who is 42, first started playing the game when he was eight years old. He says that in 34 years he has suffered from concussion twice, despite playing

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A CANNOCK Rugby Club stalwart has driven away with a top award at the home of the sport.

David Taylor was named Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer of the Year at a celebratory dinner to honour grassroots rugby volunteers across the country, hosted by the RFU at Twickenham.

Taylor was the winner at the regional event, held at the Brindley Mitsubishi Motors dealership. He was selected from more than 1,500 nominations across the country as one of the four overall winners and will now be able to select a Mitsubishi vehicle of his choice to drive for the year. Chairman for more than 15 years, Taylor has worked to grow the Huntington club, which fields

three senior teams and a women's and juniors' side. He has been the driving force behind recent renovation of the players' facilities and clubhouses into some of the best in Staffordshire.

A delighted Taylor said: "It has been an unforgettable experience and a pleasure to accept this award on behalf of all volunteers who dedicate their time to making rugby great."

Scholars just too smart for Drayton

Chasetown 2 Market Drayton Town 0 GOALS from Muzzy Nduna and Jake Lovatt fired Chasetown into the next round of the FA Trophy and a home tie with Spalding United on October 28.

The Scholars made the better start and a Chad Degville header forced Drayton keeper Ashley Rawlins into a fingertip save.

The hosts deservedly took the lead in the 15th minute. Degville's cross from the right was brilliantly headed in off the underside of the bar by Nduna.

Ryan Wynter came close to a second Scholars goal at the start of the second half but the Scholars wrapped up a deserved victory in the final minute when three players broke clear through a non-existent Drayton defence and Lovatt coolly slotted past Rawlins.

Hayes side given a lesson in finishing

Heath Hayes 2 Atherstone 6 ATHERSTONE took the points back down the A5 after giving a young Hayes side a lesson in finishing.

The visitors took a 2-0 lead into half-time thanks Naughton and Shorthouse.

The game exploded into goals in the last 15 minutes. Naughton notched his second from the spot but Hayes made it 3-2 with goals from Smith and Delaney, only for Atherstone to show their finishing power with three late goals.

Fighters take to task with Justo



Rugeley club members with Justo Dieguez

TWO and a half years after the opening of the Keysi fighting method club at Rugeley, the club has become well-established and members have had several first hand opportunities to train and socialise with the creator and founder, Justo Dieguez.

The Keysi fighting method of self defence was developed by Dieguez from his fighting experiences on the streets of Spain. The system was also founded with the help of Andy Norman. Keysi is still the favoured by directors and actors of Hollywood's blockbusters due to its ever-evolving and dynamic all-action facets.

Keysi classes in Rugeley are held on Mondays from 7-8pm, at St Pauls Church Hall, Lichfield Street, Rugeley. The class is instructed by Rob Trow, an advanced instructor who lives locally.

Anyone intrigued by or interested to find out more are welcome regardless of age, gender and experience. Private tuition and group seminars can be arranged upon request. Call Rob on 07739 093573 or e-mail Rob.tcb@sky.com

WEIR ON ROLL WITH PITMEN

Hednesford Town 1 Witton Albion 0 TYLER Weir was the Hednesford hero as he fired his side to a third successive victory.

Weir grabbed the only goal of the game 12 minutes from time to secure all three points for the Pitmen as Rob Smith's side climbed into the top half of the Evo-Stik Premier Division table.

Hednesford were given an early scare when the visitors almost struck first in just the second minute.

Anthony Gardner was the man who threatened but fired his effort wide from 12 yards.

In the 10th minute, another half chance fell the way of Witton with Steven Tames unable to keep his effort down as it sailed well over the crossbar.

In the 15th minute, Witton had the ball in the net but Rob Hopley was deemed to have been offside.

Jim Mutton saw an excellent half-volley palmed away by the visiting goalkeeper right on the stroke of half-time and it was goalless at the break.

Bounced

A good opening arrived for the Pitmen in the 73rd minute when Danny Glover broke forward, but just as he went to shoot, the ball bounced up off him and the chance was gone.

Hednesford went close to opening the scoring again three minutes later only for Jordan Graham to see his deflected effort hit the post with Hare well beaten.

But the Pitmen eventually found a breakthrough in the 78th minute when some great football saw Tom Thorley play the ball into Weir and he finished smartly under the advancing goalkeeper.

In the first minute of stoppage time, Wren got a fingertip on a Jones shot that went across the Pitmen goal and out for a corner.

Hednesford held on to see the game out after late pressure from the visitors.

After travelling to Halesowen on Tuesday night, the Pitmen host Workington on Saturday.

Colts team kitted out for season



Meet the players and management of Cannock Town Colts' Under-10s side. The team's sponsors, Phil Hadley and Lee Phillips, have provided new kits for this season, and everyone concerned is looking forward to a new campaign in the Walsall Junior League. Pictured are, back row from left, manager Peter Harper, Lee Phillips of Design Construction Solutions Ltd, Phil Hadley of Traditional Structures Ltd and assistant manager Lee Wright. Middle row from left: Cody Warner, Jamie Harper, Alfie Pioli and Kyle Pearce. Front row from left: Jacob Phillips, Riley Maddox, Ishiah Walker, Bradley Miles, Drew Turner and Jack Dunne

Cannock at home with 100pc record

Cannock M1s 2 Deeside Ramblers 1 CANNOCK Hockey Club maintained their 100 per cent home record with this win. They went 1-0 up in the first half thanks to a quick break and a close-range finish from Stuart Gooderham.

In the second half a penalty stroke was awarded for the Stags, and Callum Stacey stepped up to make it 2-0.

Cannock held out to get another three points and win the game 2-1. Next up for the Stags is a trip to last season's champions Durham University.

Cannock M3s 4 Olton/West Warwick 1

It soon became apparent to Olton that getting into the Cannock D wouldn't be easy before James Griffiths fired home a drag flick to make it 1-0 to the Staffordshire side. Further goals from Griffiths and Andrew Hodgetts made it 3-1 and then Nick Trebilcock scored with a sharp strike.

In other games, Cannock M4s lost 2-0 to Olton, and Cannock M5s lost 4-1 against Bridgworth M4s.

Continuing the losing trend, Cannock L1s were on the receiving end of a 6-0 scoreline against Stourport. Cannock had some patches of nice play but struggled to break down a strong and organised opposition. Cannock L2s shared six goals with Edgbaston L1s, with the MOM award shared between Gemma Pryce and Victoria Dennison.

Team of the week were Cannock L3s, who beat West Bromwich 12-0.

Cannock L4s beat Aldridge 4-3 while Cannock L5s drew 1-1 with Dudley.

Collier digs out treble to give United victory

Cannock Utd 4 Keele Res 1 UNITED took to the field with a very changed squad and took a little time to settle as Keele took an early lead due to an assist off the wind as the ball blew straight in off a corner on 10 minutes. Cannock dug deep and eventually Tom Collier scored on 19 minutes on his debut. Just before half-time Joe Taylor slotted into an open net.

Collier stole a certain goal off Grant Winwood to bag his second of the day on 65 minutes and on 79 he bagged his hat-trick.

United are at at Milton United in the Staffs Challenge Cup round 2 on Saturday, kick off 2.30pm.

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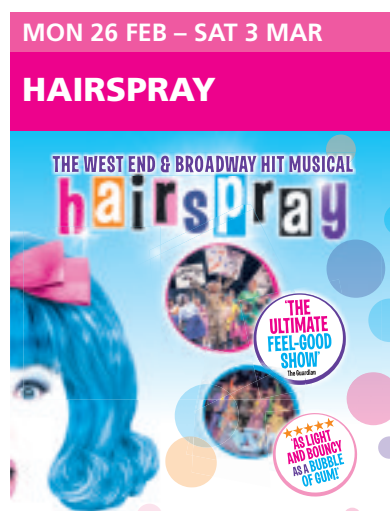
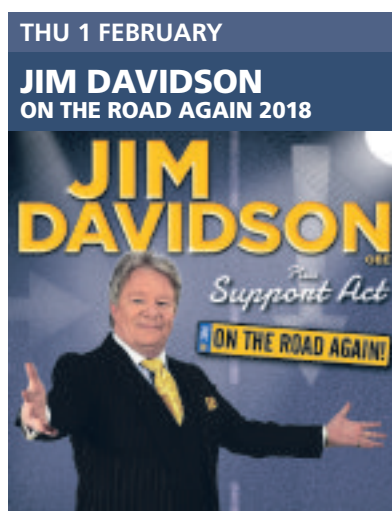
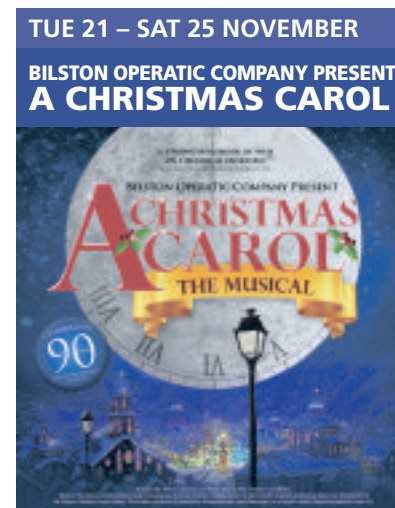
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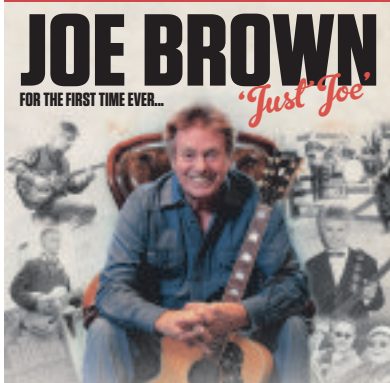
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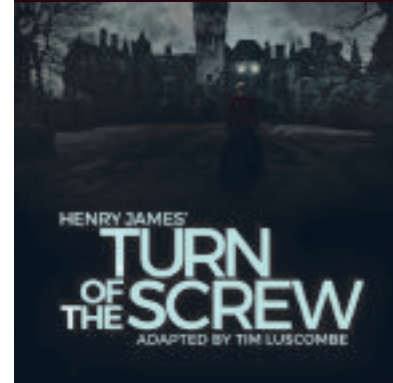
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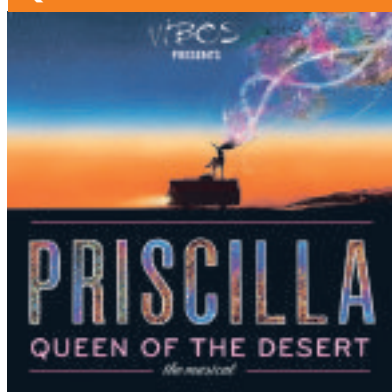
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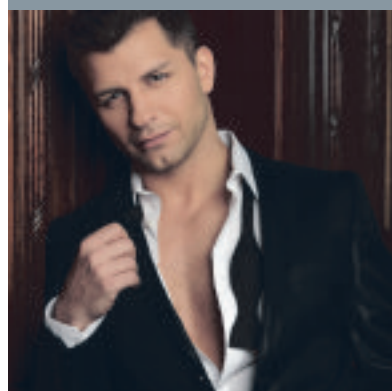
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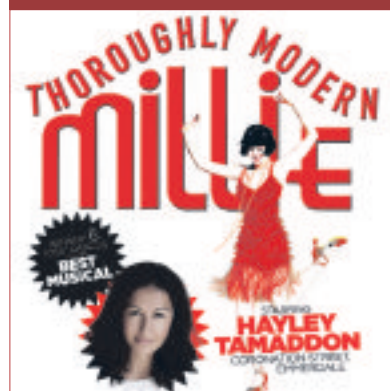
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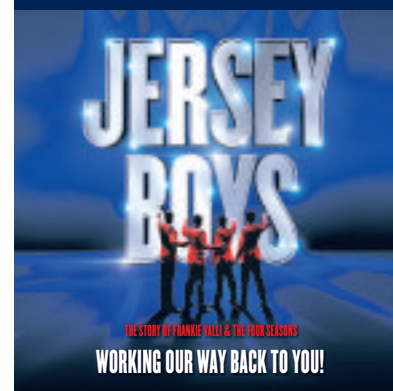
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